

With the kindest- brotherly regards of
W. M. Lee

JOURNAL

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN,

*On Wednesday May 4, Thursday May 5, Friday May 6, Saturday May
7, and Monday May 9,*

1836.

FAYETTEVILLE:

PRINTED BY EDWARD J. HALE.

1836.

to the
...

...

...

...

...

...

...

LIST OF CLERGY.

In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to Seats in the Convention.

- Right Rev. LEVI SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Ex-Officio President of the Convention.
- Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Rev. JOHN BURKE, Rector of Christ's Church, Newbern.
- Rev. WILLIAM D. CAIRNS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. MOSES A. CURTIS, Missionary officiating at Lincolnton and parts adjacent.
- Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. EDWARD N. FORBES, Missionary, officiating at Pettigrew's Chapel, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. WM. M. GREEN, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
- Rev. THOMAS S. W. MOTT, Rector St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
- Rev. CAMERON F. MACRAE, Rector of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. WILLIAM NORWOOD, Rector of Immanuel Church, Warrenton.
- Rev. JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS, Chaplain of the Episcopal School, Raleigh.
- Rev. JOHN SINGELTARY, Rector of Calvary Church, Tarborough, &c.
- Rev. HARVEY STANLY, Missionary, St. Thomas's, Craven, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Deacon, of Banks' Chapel, Granville County.
- Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro'.

The Rev. Messrs. JOHNSTON, MOTT, NORWOOD, and TAYLOR, were not present at this Convention.



LIST OF LAY MEMBERS, ELECTED TO THIS CONVENTION.

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <p><i>John H. Bryan,</i>
<i>Moses Jarvis,</i>
<i>John P. Daves,</i>
<i>Jacob Gooding,</i></p> | } | Christ's Church, Newbern. |
| <p><i>Edward Lee Winslow,</i>
<i>Charles T. Haigh,</i>
<i>Edward J. Hale,</i>
<i>John W. Sandford,</i></p> | } | St. John's Church, Fayetteville. |
| <p><i>William H. Haywood, Jr.</i>
<i>Charles Manly,</i>
<i>Thomas S. Beckwith,</i>
<i>William Thompson,</i>
<i>William H. Hardin,</i></p> | } | Christ's Church, Raleigh. |
| <p><i>H. L. Holmes,</i>
<i>M. Q. Waddell,</i>
<i>Nathaniel Hill,</i></p> | } | St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough. |

- Doctor B. R. Norcom,* St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
William R. Smith, }
Thomas B. Hill, } Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
Richard Smith, }
Eli Hoyt, }
Henry D. Machen, } St. Peter's Church, Washington.
Thomas H. Wright, }
Richard Price, }
William Giles, } St. James's Church, Wilmington.
Frederick C. Hill, }
Doctor Walter G. Jones, }
John A. McRae, }
J. B. Douglas, } Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
William E. Troy, }
Doctor S. Matthews, }
John McMorine, } Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.
Joshua Skinner, }
John B. Muse, }
Jesse Noble, }
John M. Bryan, }
John Green, Sen. } St. Thomas's Church, Craven County.
William M. Herritage, }
Alderson Ellison, }
Abner Heartly, } St. Paul's Parish, Craven County.
Wm. J. Laughinghouse, }
Thomas R. Crawford, } Trinity Chapel, Beaufort.
Frederick Grist, }

JOURNAL.



NEWBERN, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th, 1836.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 20th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Bishop and attending Clergy assembled in Christ's Church.

Prayer was read by the Bishop, and the Convention proceeded to organize.

The list of the Clergy being called, the following named were found present, viz:

Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON,
Rev. WILLIAM D. CAIRNS,
Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN,
Rev. JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS,
Rev. HARVEY STANLY,
Rev. EDWARD M. FORBES,

Rev. JOHN BURKE,
Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN,
Rev. CAMERON F. McRAE,
Rev. JOHN SINGELTARY,
Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY.

The certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, laid on the Secretary's table, and read; from which it appeared that the following Churches were represented, and the following Delegates elected, viz:

Christ's Church, Newbern.—John H. Bryan, Moses Jarvis, John P. Daves, Jacob Gooding.

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—Edward Lee Winslow, Charles T. Haigh, Edward J. Hale, John W. Sandford.

Christ's Church, Raleigh.—William H. Haywood, Jr., Charles Manly, Thomas S. Beckwith, William Thompson.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—William H. Hardin, H. L. Holmes, M. Q. Waddell, Nathaniel Hill.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—Dr. B. R. Norcom.

Of whom the following were present and took their seats, viz: Dr. B. R. Norcom, E. L. Winslow, and Moses Jarvis.

The Convention being declared duly organized by the President, proceeded to the appointment of a Secretary. On counting the votes, E. L. Winslow was declared elected Secretary for the ensuing Conventional year.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman,

Resolved, That all Clergymen of the Episcopal Church, who are or may be present, be invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. P. B. Wiley, the Convention now adjourned to Thursday, 9 o'clock A. M.

At Night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from the 2d chapter of the Acts, 42d verse.

THURSDAY, MAY 5.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Davis and Curtis, of the Clergy, appeared and took their seats.

Certificates of Lay Delegation were presented and read, from which it appeared that the following Churches were represented, and the following Delegates elected, viz:

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—William R. Smith, Thomas B. Hill, Richard Smith.

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—Eli Hoyt, Henry D. Machen.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Thomas H. Wright, Rich'd Price, William Giles, Frederick C. Hill.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Doctor Walter G. Jones, John A. McRae, J. B. Douglas, William E. Troy.

Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.—Doctor S. Matthews, John McMorine, Joshua Skinner, John B. Muse.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats, viz: Doctor Walter G. Jones, Thomas H. Wright, Richard Price, F. C. Hill, Eli Hoyt, Henry D. Machen, Thomas B. Hill.

Jacob Gooding, a Delegate from Christ's Church, Newbern; and Nathaniel Hill, a Delegate from St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, appeared and took their seats.

The President announced the following Committees:

Committee of Finance.—Messrs. Hoyt, Wright, Jones, Bryan, and Winslow of the Laity.

Committee on the State of the Church.—Messrs. Buxton, Wiley, Saunders, Cairns, and Singeltary, of the Clergy.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Saunders,

Resolved, That a Committee on the Episcopal School be appointed.

And the President announced the following to compose said committee: Messrs. Green, Buxton, and Freeman, of the Clergy; Messrs. Wright, Jarvis, and Winslow, of the Laity.

On motion, *Resolved,* That a Committee of three persons on the unfinished business of last Convention, be appointed.

The following compose said Committee: Messrs. Green and Buxton, of the Clergy; F. C. Hill of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cairns,

Resolved, That a Committee of three persons be appointed, on the subject of certain alterations in the Constitution of the Church, and the Table of the Moveable Feasts, submitted by the General Convention.

The following compose said Committee: Messrs. Cairns and Singeltary, of the Clergy; Thomas B. Hill of the Laity.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address to the Convention, which, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Saunders, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, as follows:

MY BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION:

In meeting you this morning, I should do violence to my feelings and convictions of duty, did I not express my sentiments of devout thankfulness to God, in being permitted, through his special goodness, to appear once more at the head of your councils. About one year has elapsed since I left my beloved diocese and country in so bad a state of health, as to afford to my own mind little prospect of again beholding you 'till that day when we shall stand together at the Tribunal of God. But through the merciful providence of that God, I am now in my place, encouraged, from recovered strength and indications of renewed vigour of constitution, to believe it his will that I should still continue my poor efforts in his church on Earth.

In addition, however, to this call for thankful acknowledgment, I feel there is another, not less urgent, for a new and more earnest dedication of myself to the divine service. Unite with me then, dear Brethren, in special prayer to the *great Shepherd and Bishop of souls*, that I may not fail to evince my gratitude in renewed fidelity.

Although my absence from you, occasioned to my mind much anxiety and regret, still it was not wholly unattended with circumstances of alleviation; and I am not without hope that it may ultimately tend to our mutual profit. The kind and fraternal reception I met with in another country, and the expressions of deep interest in our welfare as a Church, which I every where heard, both from the Clergy and Laity, awakened in my breast emotions of the highest and most lasting pleasure: while my intercourse with them—an intercourse, the remembrance of which will never cease to cheer me—impressed upon me the conviction, that no country can be blest with a more holy, humble, well-furnished and self-denying Clergy, than the noble band, which now adorn and manfully sustain the Church of Christ in England.

Be assured, however, beloved Brethren, that I return to you with a much increased estimate of our own blessings as Churchmen. If there be a people among the redeemed of the Lord, from whom, they having received much, *much at last will be required*, depend upon it, we as the members of the *Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States*, are that people. The Church in England, to whom our Church is indebted under God, for her first foundation, and a long continuance of nursing care and protection, is greatly blessed, *though the enemies of Truth are coming in upon her like a flood*: but we are doubly so. Our freedom from secular interference in the enactment of ecclesiastical laws, and in the enforcement of discipline under those laws, gives us a decided advantage over the mother Church.

Gladly would I dwell upon these points, did they strictly comport with the canonical duty I am now called upon to discharge. To that, then, I proceed.

Having notified the Churches in my way from Elizabeth City to Raleigh, of my intention to visit them, commencing on the 1st Tuesday in Lent, in Christ's Church in the former place, I left Philadelphia, to which City I had gone pursuant to a call from the venerable presiding Bishop, expecting to proceed down the bay to Norfolk on the 18th February; but was unexpectedly detained by the failure of the steamboat to meet its engagements, 'till the 25th; at which time I went directly to Edenton, the

time for my appointment at Elizabeth City having already passed; which circumstance, I afterwards learned, was hardly to be regretted, in consequence of the derangement of the parish there, owing to the fearful prevalence of small pox.

At Edenton I arrived on Saturday evening the 27th. On the next day I officiated twice in St. Paul's Church, preaching and administering the holy communion in the morning, and preaching and administering confirmation to 4 persons in the evening; the Rev. Mr. Cairns, the General Missionary, being present and assisting in the services.

Agreeably to appointment, I examined the children and addressed the parents of the congregation, on the evening of the following Tuesday; and preached at night.

Although this parish has been comparatively destitute of ministerial services for the last six months, its spiritual state appears far from discouraging. The good seed sown by the unpretending, but effectual labours of its late excellent Rector has taken root, and is giving the cheering promise of a mature and plentiful harvest.

On Wednesday, 2d March, through the kindness of my friends, I was enabled to cross the Sound to meet an appointment at Mr. Hoffman's, in the neighborhood of the Goelett's, seven miles east of Plymouth, for the morning of the next day. I accordingly officiated at that time—preaching to a small but deeply interested congregation, and administering the communion to twelve persons; among whom, I was much gratified to know, were three persons once numbered among the worthy communicants of my old and greatly loved parish of St. Luke's, New York. In the communion I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Forbes, the efficient Missionary in that and the adjacent county. It is due to the active and pious layman at whose house I officiated, to state that his zealous exertions are likely to result in the erection of a small, but sufficiently commodious Church edifice, for that neighborhood.

At night, (March 3d,) I preached at Plymouth; the Rev. Mr. Forbes performing service. Here the Church has very few friends; a single family only regard themselves as its decided supporters.

Friday the 4th, I proceeded to Washington, and on the following Sunday, in St. Peter's Church, preached in the morning, and administered the holy communion. In the evening, examined the children in the Catechism, and addressed the parents of the congregation; and again, at night, preached—being assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Burke. This parish, also, I found destitute of a Minister; but under its privations, making very successful efforts, by means of Lay Reading, to sustain the interests of truth. Its prosperity in worldly things, and the manifestly growing disposition in its neighborhood, to examine the claims of the Church, create an urgent necessity for its being immediately and ably supplied.

The next day, Monday, I fulfilled an appointment at Zion Chapel; preaching and administering the holy communion—the morning service being performed by the Rev. Mr. Stanly. After which I proceeded to Bath; where, on the following morning, I officiated in St. Thomas's Church, preaching to a large and much interested congregation, and administering the holy communion to a number lamentably small in comparison with the number present.

On Thursday, agreeably to appointment, I went to St. John's Church,

Durham's Creek, but owing to a violent storm at the hour for service, I did not officiate. This congregation, from deaths and removals, has dwindled to a single family. The next day I returned to Trinity Church, Beaufort County, and fulfilled my appointment for the morning; preaching, confirming two colored persons, and administering the holy communion—being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Singeltary and Stanly. These small parishes in Beaufort County are now enjoying the labours of the last named Missionary.

From Trinity Parish I proceeded to Tarborough, where I arrived Saturday evening, the 12th; and on the next day preached twice; administering confirmation to two persons in the evening; prayers being read by Rev. Mr. Singeltary. The services of the Church here, commenced under many discouragements, are producing upon the minds of the community a very decided and happy effect.

On Tuesday, in Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, I preached according to appointment, and addressed the parents and children of the congregation. The interests of this parish, chiefly from removals, have suffered materially since my last visitation. It is hoped, however, that the pious zeal of the few remaining friends of the Church, sustained by pious confidence in its great Head, will not permit the ministrations of the Gospel entirely to fail among them.

From this place I proceeded to Raleigh, where, on the following Sunday, I preached in Christ's Church in the morning—the Rev. Mr. Freeman performing service. On Wednesday and Thursday of the same week, I attended meetings of the Committee of the Episcopal School of North Carolina.

On the next Sunday also, I preached in Christ's Church in the morning, and confirmed two persons, one of whom is a member of the Episcopal School; examined the children in the Catechism, and addressed the parents of the congregation in the evening. Although, during my visit here, I often addressed the pupils of the School, yet I thought it better to defer my official visitation to them, 'till some day near the end of the session. I feel, however, that it is due to the efficient and laborious teachers in that important institution, to remark here, that a very manifest and gratifying improvement has been effected during my absence, in the deportment of the pupils.

I shall be excused for noticing in this place, the deep grief I felt on hearing, while abroad, of the death of my excellent friend, Gavin Hogg, Esq.; and on having the sad reality more forcibly impressed upon me, by seeing his place vacant on my visitation to the parish which had long enjoyed his counsel and liberality.

On Wednesday the 30th of March, I left Raleigh on a visitation to the South Eastern portion of my Diocese. Arriving at Fayetteville on the evening before Good Friday, I preached on that day in St. John's Church—the Rev. Mr. Buxton performing Service. At night on the following Saturday, I performed Service and the Rev. Mr. Buxton preached. The next morning, Easter morning, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Buxton, I preached and administered the Holy Communion; and in the evening was called in company with the Rector, to attend the funeral of one of the most respectable and eminently pious communicants of the Parish—the aged mother of my excellent friend, Charles P. Mallett, Esq.

The next evening I preached to the coloured congregation, who, by their orderly deportment, their fervent responses, and serious attention, manifested a very gratifying spirit of devotion. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the efficient Rector of St. John's Parish, for his benevolent and persevering efforts in behalf of this class of our population. On the following evening I again preached to a crowded and seriously attentive congregation, and administered confirmation to sixteen persons—one coloured. This Parish is in a very encouraging state of spiritual improvement; more manifestly so than at any of my former visitations. The next day, in the evening, I examined the children in the Catechism, and addressed the parents of the congregation.

From this place I proceeded on the 7th of April to Wadesborough; where I arrived on the evening of the following day. The succeeding evening I preached in Calvary Church; likewise on Sunday morning; and in the evening addressed the children and parents of the congregation—being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Johnston and Curtis. I preached in the same Church too on the evening of the next day—the Rev. Mr. Johnston performing service. Of this Parish I confirmed eleven persons—one coloured. I regret having been too much exhausted to fulfil my intention of preaching to the coloured congregation here, which the indefatigable Rector, notwithstanding almost constant bad health, has succeeded in drawing together and interesting in the wholesome and subordinating worship of the Church. This Parish, although it has undergone many changes by death and removal since my last visitation, continues gradually to increase in numbers, and, what is more important, to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

On Wednesday the 13th, I left this Parish for that of St. James's, Wilmington; which I reached after a fatiguing ride of four days. The following Sunday morning I preached to a small congregation, owing to the violence of the rain. On the Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings, succeeding, I also preached, and on the latter evening administered confirmation to fourteen persons—one coloured. The next morning, (Sunday,) I again officiated, preaching and administering the holy communion to a larger number of persons than at any former visitation. I was assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Davis and Curtis.

This Parish, although destitute, for a great part of the year, of ministerial services, from the feeble health of its late excellent Rector, is in an unusually flourishing state.

From Wilmington I proceeded on Monday the 25th, to this place, in which our Convention is now assembled. Here I preached on Friday evening last, and also on Sunday morning. On the latter occasion I confirmed two persons. In the evening of Sunday, I examined the children of the congregation in the Catechism, and addressed the parents upon the subject of Christian Education. I was assisted in the services on these occasions, by the Rev. Mr. Burke, the devoted Rector of the Parish, and the Rev. Messrs. Wiley, Forbes and Stanly.

In this, my partial visitation, Brethren, I have been much cheered and encouraged by the evidences of your affectionate solicitude for my health, and your devout prayers for my continued and active superintendence of your spiritual interests. But it has been to me the chief matter of joy, to find, notwithstanding the intermission of my labours, called for by my

shattered health, that you *continue to walk in the truth*—that many of the parishes visited since my return to you, show a gradual advancement in the faith and holiness of the Gospel.

My present visitation, however, has not been without some discouragement—principally arising from the want of permanent Ministerial services. The changes so constantly taking place among our Clergy, and their consequent distracting and disheartening effect upon our congregations, present a serious and most alarming evil: an evil calling for my immediate counsel, and your no less immediate and strenuous intervention. Did I not think this evil in a good degree within our reach, I should look upon it as absolutely fatal to our prosperity as a Diocese. Let me beg, then, the attention, particularly of my Lay Brethren, to the following considerations:

1. To have a *permanent*, we must secure a *native* Clergy. Of this, I was convinced after my first visitation of the Diocese; and all subsequent intercourse with it has only tended to strengthen my convictions. The climate, the habits of the people, the system of things under which they live, unite to make the necessity *imperious and indispensable*, that, to enjoy a stable and efficient Ministry, we must have *Southern* men: and they must be educated at the *South*. Some, it is true, are sufficiently self-denying, and possess sufficient vigour of constitution, to fit them for this field of labour, notwithstanding their education at the *North*. But these cases form only an exception; upon which it is surely unwise for us to depend. Our duty, therefore, demands of us, some more definite provision for Theological education in our Diocese.

Our Episcopal School was established *with a special view to such provision*: and it is worthy of remark, that immediately upon our thus presenting the prospect of increased means for Theological instruction, our candidates for Holy Orders increased to the number of *eight*. And that, in consequence of our delay to act in the matter, they as rapidly diminished—so that your Bishop is now compelled to report a *single* candidate.

The appointment, therefore, of a Theological Professor, with as little delay as possible, in the "Episcopal School," seems to be the plain and necessary course.

2. In the next place, it is imperiously called for, that a more comfortable provision be made for the settlement and maintenance of the Clergy.

This I know is a delicate point, and one the discussion of which most gladly would I have avoided. But, connected as it is with the success of the Gospel among you, and urged as it is by the precepts of that Gospel, I feel that, under present circumstances, to decline it would be an abandonment of manifest and urgent duty.

I know of nothing in a community, that can betoken a more alarming spirit of insensibility, than dissatisfaction and complaint in supporting the ministrations of the Gospel. What must be the state of that man, who thinks, that in the reluctant pittance he allows his minister, he *pays for the words of eternal life!* Who feels that, in the claims of Christian charity made upon him, the *Gospel is a burden!* Is this the price, dear Brethren, at which you estimate the *knowledge of Christ crucified?* This the value you put upon his services, who is commissioned to bring you *the tidings of great joy*—to proclaim to you, *that God in Christ is reconciling the world unto himself*—to admit you into His covenant of love—to dis-

pense to you the means of grace and the pledges of pardon and salvation—to guard you against delusion—to watch over you in temptation—to encourage you in difficulty—to solace you under trial—to stand by you in the chamber of sickness, to be to you a messenger of peace at the hour of death! O remember, Christ has said for the encouragement of his ministers, and for the admonition of those to whom they are sent,—*He that despiseth you, despiseth ME!*

But utterly unable as you are, even were you to give all your time, your talents and your substance, to make the smallest return for the infinite blessings brought to you by the ministry of Jesus; yet, even in regard to this world's goods, a bestowment of four fold more than you now give would leave you greatly the gainers:—gainers in reference to the value, the security, and proper enjoyment of the things you possess.

But notwithstanding this undeniable fact, that you are far more deeply indebted for worldly comfort, to your clergyman than to any other individual in the community, still one is sometimes forced to the conclusion, that the opinion is entertained among you, that he is to perform more labour, endure more hardships, be subject to a severer scrutiny, and live upon less means, than any public functionary in the land;—that he is to bring into your service high qualifications, to be cut off from all other pursuits, to labour for you in season and out of season, stand ready to listen to your call *by night or by day*, to brave for your sakes, *the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the sickness that destroyeth at noon*, and finally to utter no complaint, if he would avoid the charge of worldliness, though his mind be overwhelmed and his heart torn with anxiety, to discover how he is to provide even a scanty subsistence for himself and family.

Depend upon it, dearly beloved Brethren, you are not acting in this matter upon the Saviour's rule—are *not doing unto others as you would have them do unto you!* You demand of us that for which you are unwilling to make adequate provision! But 'till such provision *be made*, your spiritual interests *must suffer!* *The workman is worthy of his meat;* and if you refuse to give it, you cannot wonder that he should leave you for another and more encouraging field!

Your Bishop is prepared to make for you any *personal* sacrifice; but he cannot, as he would be just and kind, he cannot encourage his brethren of the Clergy, to take the labour of any of his vacant parishes, without a reasonable assurance of their proper support. Let me entreat you, then, dear Brethren, as you would secure for yourselves the comfortable Gospel of Christ, to provide a suitable maintenance for those he has sent to preach it to you.

Let me recommend to each parish, as the first step to this, to adopt some plan by which a permanent and sufficient income shall be annually realized to meet all parish expenses. This may be effected by assessments upon pews or upon persons, according to some ratio agreed upon by the congregation. The object to be attained by it, is the security of an annual sum to the clergyman, not likely to be diminished so soon as the novelty of his performances shall wear off, or his fidelity shall offend some corrupt or turbulent spirit; and for the receipt of which, he is in no way to depend upon the fluctuations of individual disposition, but is to look to the Vestry alone.

Another measure, that I beg especially to urge, is the providing of a

suitable 'Rectory' or 'Parsonage' in each parish. The bearing of this upon the permanent settlement of a Clergyman, is too obvious to require argument. The comforts of a *home*, the attachments formed for improvements we make ourselves, the planting of a shrub, the training of a vine, the arrangement of a garden, all tend to strengthen the ties, while they augment the pleasures, which help to make us content with a humble cot, and consequently, daily more indisposed to leave it.

Again. In order to give greater stability to Gospel ministrations among you, it will be necessary to discontinue the practice, prevailing in many of our parishes, of making an annual call to a Clergyman.

This practice I cannot but regard as discouraging, not to say degrading, to the Ministerial office; subversive of the peace and good order of a congregation, and at variance with the whole spirit of our ecclesiastical system.

It is discouraging to the Ministerial office. It expresses a want of confidence in a Minister, which is extended to every other person in society. There is something in it exceedingly mercenary and repulsive to a spiritual mind. It converts the high and solemn relation of Pastor and People into a mere commercial bargain; gives to the pastoral tie, the most important that can be formed on earth, the perpetuity, in some cases, of *a three months' notice*.

You say, perhaps, the practice is a matter of mere form. If so, it is certainly useless; but I clearly perceive that its being so must depend solely upon the temper of a congregation; and here, I am convinced, that its operation is subversive of peace and good order.

When it is known among a people that their Minister holds his situation by so slight a tenure as an annual agreement, every discontented spirit will take advantage of the circumstance, upon any imaginary cause of offence, to raise up a faction, that at the end of the year, he may punish the temerity of the ambassador of Jesus, in his daring to be faithful. Thus the most holy and responsible office among men—that of being a co-worker with God, is often subjected to the 'cruel mercies' of the infidel and the libertine. Brethren in Christ, this ought not so to be.

Finally, the practice in question is directly at variance with the whole tenor of our ecclesiastical system.

The 33d and 34th Canons of the General Convention, providing for the settlement of *differences between Ministers and their Congregations, and also for the dissolution of all Pastoral connection between them*, refer the whole matter to the judgment of the Bishop, with, in the first case, the advice of his Presbyters. The Institution Service, too, with the 30th Canon, which provides for the regular induction of a Clergyman into a Parish, supposes that a connection is then formed between him and his people, which cannot be annulled without the concurrence of the ecclesiastical authority. This is as it should be, and is exactly analagous to the arrangements made for the trial of an individual holding a permanent secular office in our country. Such an individual cannot be removed without impeachment and adjudication by a legally constituted tribunal. Besides, our Church, in all the pastoral exactions she makes of her Clergy, contemplates their permanent settlement with the congregations. And indeed no system of efforts for the benefit of such congregations can be entered upon,

with proper spirit and satisfaction, where it is felt that it may be broken up in a single year.

Let me urge then, dear Brethren, the discontinuance of the practice upon which, for your good, I have thought it my duty thus to animadvert; and the introduction, into your several parishes, of the appropriate and edifying usage, prescribed by the Church, of the Institution of your Ministers. In addition to the effect which this would produce, in giving greater permanency to Gospel ministrations among you, it could not fail greatly to elevate, in the view of our people, the character and solemnity of the pastoral connexion.

In order to secure the Institution of your respective Clergymen, you have only to notify your Bishop, according to the provisions of the 30th Canon of the General Convention, of their election as your Rectors.

As a final measure calculated to give more stability to the ministrations of the Gospel in your parishes, permit me to suggest the importance of making some provision for the maintenance of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen—either by procuring “*life insurances*,”—raising a small fund in each parish—or uniting in a diocesan effort for that purpose.

A measure of this kind would do much to allay the anxiety of those Clergymen, who, from the smallness of their income, are unable to lay up for their families, and from a residence in a sickly climate are peculiarly liable to be taken from them.

I feel confident that my Lay Brethren will excuse my plainness and earnestness in presenting this subject, when they are assured, that anxiety for their own best interests alone has prompted me to the duty. No complaint of their Clergy, let them know, has elicited these remarks. Their Clergy are humble, self-denying men—who have laboured hard and borne much privation without murmuring.

These suggestions, though submitted in haste, from the numerous demands upon my time, are nevertheless the result of much anxious deliberation. My prayers will be, that they may have their effect.

The following changes, among our Clergy, have taken place during the past Conventional year. The Rev. Dr. Avery has removed from St. Paul's, Edenton, with letters of dismission to Alabama. The Rev. Mr. Morgan from Christ's Church, Rowan county, with letters, to Maryland. The Rev. Mr. Hawks, from St. Thomas's Parish, Craven county, with letters to Connecticut. The Rev. Mr. Shaw, from St. Peter's Church, Washington, with letters to New York. The Rev. Mr. Spear with letters to South Carolina. The Rev. Mr. Burke has been called from his School at Smithville, to the Rectorship of Christ's Church, Newbern. The Rev. Mr. Cairns has been called from being General Missionary, to the Rectorship, since my visitation there, of St. Paul's Church, Edenton. The Rev. Mr. Davis has been compelled, from ill health, to relinquish the charge of St. James's Church, Wilmington, and I have been canonically informed of the election to the Rectorship of the Rev. Mr. Drane, of Maryland.

During my absence abroad, the venerable Bishop Moore of Virginia, with characteristic kindness, promptly yielded to my request, in the admission to Priest's Orders, of the Rev. Messrs. Singeltary and Johnston, and to the Order of Deacons, Messrs. Cameron F. MacRae, Moses A. Curtis and Harvey Stanly. While my long tried friend and Theological Professor, the Bishop of New York, with the same promptness, admitted,

by my request, to Deacon's Orders, Mr. Edward M. Forbes. The Rev. Mr. MacRae has since been efficiently employed as Minister of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City. The Rev. Mr. Curtis no less efficiently as Missionary in Mecklenburg and Lincoln counties. The Rev. Mr. Stanly was stationed during the early part of the year, as Missionary at Flat Rock, Buncombe county; but has since been officiating with success at St. Thomas's Church, Craven county, and at the small Churches in Beaufort county. The Rev. Mr. Forbes has been doing good service for the Church in Washington and Tyrrell counties.

Beloved Brethren: Never have the calls in our Diocese been so pressing for an increase of Gospel ministrations, as at the present moment. Not only from our vacant Parishes, but from many small towns and neighborhoods in the East and West, just opening their eyes to their spiritual wants, the cry comes to your Bishop for some one to break to them the bread of life. Indeed, many are the fields now ripe, which, it is feared, will be lost to us, for the want of labourers to gather in the harvest.

Let me then continue my appeal to you in behalf of our Missionary cause. Our duty in respect to it, seems to increase in importance and urgency every day. As men, as Christians, and as Churchmen, we lie under a responsibility in this matter, which demands of us far more consideration, more prayer, and more effort, than we have hitherto given it. Be it remembered, dear Brethren, that we are *stewards of the manifold grace of God*: and that the day will most assuredly come, when we shall be summoned to *give an account of our stewardship*. God grant that none at that day, to whom our bounty might have conveyed the blessings of eternal life, may rise up as witnesses against us!

I have found with some anxiety, that the adoption of the plan of systematic charity, which I recommended in a Pastoral Letter, is, as yet, very partial in the Diocese. I would suggest to my Brethren of the Convention, the propriety of taking the subject into their present deliberations. It is one that has recommended itself, from its Scriptural character, to the Church generally in this and the mother country. I can see no good reason for hesitation in adopting it. The leading principle upon which it was first urged, has been acknowledged in the noble and united declaration of our late General Convention, that *the Church is the Gospel Missionary Society*; and that every baptised member of the Church is a member of that society, and under the weightiest obligation to contribute systematically to its support. Most devoutly should we pray, beloved Brethren, that the new and holy impulse thus given to the Missionary spirit in the Church, may continue to extend itself till every Diocesan Convention, and every individual of our Dioceses, shall be brought under its influence. Thanks be to God, that *the world is now seen to be the Missionary field*; and that *the Church has declared herself to be the true Missionary Society*. May the touching appeals to us for the word of life in our own borders, be speedily met with a full answer of peace, and the blessings of Christ crucified be made as speedily to flow unto the heathen, that the world may be filled with a knowledge of God. Much more I have it in my heart to say upon this subject, so full of animating considerations, but my time thus restricts me. And perhaps I ought not to regret it, as a report, I am informed, is to be made upon it to this Convention, by a special committee.

As, in deference to my opinion, I find there has been a delay in con-

plying with the recommendations of the late General Convention relating to the manner of repeating the *Confession* in our daily prayer, and to the omission of the Collect before Sermon, I avail myself of this occasion, to advise, *for the sake of unity*, such compliance, although I cannot withhold an expression of my regret that it was thought necessary to recommend the change.

It becomes me not to conclude my Address without adverting to the claims of our "*Episcopal School*." This institution, so important to the Church and to the public, I am happy to believe, is in a sound and advancing state. Some apprehensions were entertained of its decline, after the departure, from ill health, of its late efficient Rector;—but such apprehensions have proved to be groundless. The School, under the energetic and diligent supervision of Mr. Hooper, is now progressing, after some slight struggle of turbulent boys, with unusual quietness and success. All, I am convinced, that is now wanting to render the discipline perfectly effective, is the united influence of parents to sustain its enforcement on the high, Christian principles which, in the prospectus, were pledged for its governance.

It has already been announced to the public, by a circular from the Executive Committee, that the Rev. Dr. Empie, now of William and Mary College, in Virginia, has been called to and has accepted the Rectorship of the School, to enter upon his duties at the commencement of the Summer Session. It is but justice to the Doctor to remark, that no one could have been appointed to this situation, who would bring, to the discharge of his responsible trust, a more entire confidence of the Church in our diocese, and better tested qualifications.

As the report of the School Committee will exhibit the state of the finances, and the pressing argument consequently arising, for your continued and zealous support, I shall only add my prayer, that you may not be found lacking in this matter. With you, Brethren of the Church, it rests, whether our fond hopes concerning this institution are to be realized. Let me impress upon you, that the *Episcopal School of North Carolina* is the School of the Diocese. As such, I leave its interests in your hands, pledging to do what lies in my power to fulfil the part in sustaining them, which you have assigned me.

That the Great Head of the Church may smile upon our work, and give us success through the aids of his grace, let us not cease unitedly and earnestly to pray.

LEVI SILLIMAN IVES, *Bishop*
Of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of N. Carolina.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cairns,

Resolved, That a Committee of five persons be appointed, to consider the subject of systematic charity, heretofore recommended to the notice of the Church, and now again referred to by the Bishop.

The following compose said committee: Messrs. Curtis, Saunders and Burke, of the Clergy; Messrs. Norcom and Machen, of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Burke, the Convention adjourned for Service.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Saunders, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. MacRae, from St. Luke, 9th chapter, 62d verse.

Convention assembled after Service.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Saunders, certain documents relating to the organization of St. Paul's Parish, Swift Creek, Craven county, were referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Stanly and Saunders of the Clergy, and Jacob Gooding of the Laity.

The Rev. G. W. Freeman, Secretary of the School, presented a Report, with certain documents relating to the School, which were read and referred to the Committee on the Episcopal School.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, MAY, 1836.

The School Committee, appointed at the last Convention, respectfully report—

That they held their first meeting soon after the adjournment of the Convention in June last; when, the Bishop, who is ex officio Chairman of their body, being absent from the Diocese, they appointed Duncan Cameron Chairman pro tempore. At the same meeting they appointed the Rev. Geo. W. Freeman their Secretary, and I. Wetmore Treasurer of the Episcopal School. As heretofore, an Executive Committee was also appointed, to conduct the affairs of the Institution in the recess of the School Committee.

They have since held several meetings, at all of which they have sought to give to the various matters brought before them, that careful consideration, which the importance of the trust committed to them, seemed to require at their hands. For the details of their proceedings, of which only an abstract can be given in this Report, the Convention are referred to the Minutes of the Committee, which are herewith submitted for their inspection.

One of the first subjects presented to the consideration and calling for the action of the Committee, was the resolution of the last Convention directing the Treasurer of the Convention to "loan the funds of the Episcopate of this Diocese to the Committee of the Episcopal School, to be applied to the purpose of aiding the other funds of the said School in the erection of the necessary buildings." The measures adopted by the Committee for the purpose of carrying into effect the design of the Convention in passing this resolution, are fully exhibited in the following extract from their Minutes:

"Whereas the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at its last meeting, agreed that the Fund raised for the support of the Bishop, except the Cape Fear Bank Stock, should be loaned to the School Committee, upon having the same, with semi-annual interest thereon, secured to the satisfaction of the Committee. And whereas the Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, Duncan Cameron, T. P. Devereux and Geo. E. Badger, have filed a deed declaring that the land on which the School Buildings have been erected, is held by them in trust, *first*, to secure the purchase money thereof, and *secondly*, to secure the said loan hereafter to be made, with semi-annual interest thereon, and have placed the same at the order of the Committee: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the said deed is approved, and declared to be a sufficient security for the said loan and interest.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to hand the said deed to the Treasurer of the Convention, with a copy of these resolutions.

Resolved further, That the Treasurer of the Episcopal School be directed to open an account with the Treasurer of the Convention, crediting the latter with all moneys or evidences of debt paid over by him under the said resolution of the Convention."

These resolutions were carried into effect; and the moneys and evidences of debt belonging to the fund of the Episcopate, paid over to the Treasurer of the Episcopal School accordingly.

Another subject calling for the action of the Committee, was the establishment of a rule of precedence in regard to applications for the admission of pupils into the School. Owing to the limited accommodations furnished by the present buildings, the School was soon filled, and soon after the commencement of the last session, many applications were made in anticipation of vacancies that might afterwards occur. To prevent misunderstanding, and as far as possible preclude complaint on the score of partiality, the Committee determined that preference should be given to *priority of application*; provided that such application were made to the Treasurer in writing, specifying the name and age of the boy to be entered, and engaging to send him within two weeks after notice should be received from the Treasurer that a vacancy had occurred; *except*, that the Executive Committee might, in their discretion, give the preference, in such case, to a *later applicant, who was a subscriber to the funds of the School.*

In the course of the last Summer, a spirit of insubordination manifested itself among the pupils, which resulted in the dismissal of several of the most obstinate and refractory. This event, together with other circumstances unfavorable to the prosperity of the School, which were presented by the Teachers to the view of the Committee, induced them to inquire how far the principles adopted as fundamental to the system on which the Institution was founded, had been carried out in practice; and what remedy might be most easily applied to the increasing difficulties to which it seemed likely that the School must be subjected. Their investigations led to the adoption of certain resolutions, which they feel it their duty to lay before the Convention in *extenso*. They are as follows, viz:

"1. *Resolved,* That the Committee adhere to the original plan of religious and Christian Discipline set forth in the following extracts from their fundamental law, viz:

"It is hoped that the family character of the School, and the preventive policy herein recommended, will have a happy effect in preventing offences, and in reclaiming ordinary offenders, without a resort to the harsher punishments. The general parental authority with which the Rector is clothed, when accompanied by that real paternal anxiety for the welfare of his pupils which it is hoped will never be absent from the breast of the Rector, will enable him to manage offences and to reform offenders, much more successfully than minute pre-established regulations. * * * *

* * * "In dealing with offenders, the Christian character of the Institution should control all the measures adopted. As a general rule your Committee would say, in the language of one of the most successful teachers and governors of boys in our country, "that the authority of God, as set forth in the Holy Scriptures, should upon all occasions be brought prominently forward, and made to occupy the first place: while the authority of the Teacher should be made entirely subordinate thereto, and should be

regarded as merely instrumental in carrying the authority of God into effect." An example will best explain the idea here intended. When an offence has to be noticed, the first object should be to make the offender see that his transgression is a sin against God; and the Teacher should be careful not to suffer the boy to suppose that his offence was merely a violation of a School regulation, or of the Teacher's authority. He should be taught to consider Almighty God as the party principally offended, and therefore as the first whose pardon is to be sought, and that in the way pointed out in the Gospel; while the offence against the Teacher should be kept in an entirely subordinate point of view, and forgiveness from him represented as certain on the boy's showing the proper feelings towards God. The object should be, to lead the boy, if possible, to a genuine Gospel repentance; and the occasion should be carefully employed to show him, that he has not only that particular sin, but many others, to be repented of: that he can obtain forgiveness of his sins only through Jesus Christ: that he can obtain strength to forsake his evil ways and become good, only through the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit: and that he may most certainly obtain those influences "by diligent prayer:" and, upon his evincing proper feeling, he should be encouraged to pray, upon the spot, to his Heavenly Father for forgiveness, and for the gracious influences of his Holy Spirit: and should the tender age of the boy require it, the Teacher himself should kneel down with him and pray for him, just as a pious Christian parent would do for his own offspring. It is apparent that all this, however, should be done *strictly in private*, and in a truly parental and Christian spirit: And it must be obvious, that *it is not intended* that this whole process should be gone through with at all times with equal formality and solemnity; or that it should be attempted *on every slight occasion* or for *each trivial offence*. The Teacher's own discretion and Christian feelings must be his guide.

All the admonitions and other corrections, except under peculiar circumstances, should be administered in private; and in such a spirit as not to excite the pride of the Student in opposition to the Instructor; but rather to reach his understanding and conscience, and make him see and feel his fault. The punishments themselves should not be such as to break down the spirits of the boy, degrade him in his own estimation, or make him despair of future improvement. * * * * *

But after all other expedients have been tried, cases will doubtless occur in which nothing but the rod will be found adequate to the emergency. In such cases it is believed to be both sound policy and true humanity, to use it efficiently on the first occasion, to the entire subduing of the obstinacy of the pupil."

2. *Resolved*, That for the purpose of effecting the object of the foregoing resolution, it is necessary that all the Teachers take a part in the government of the School; and to enable them to do so, that the School be divided into sections, one of which to be assigned to each Instructor.

3. *Resolved*, That the Teachers, under the general control and advice of the Rector, be authorised to punish any student for offences committed within their view; and that the several Teachers be most earnestly requested, by frequent interchanges of sentiments, to have their several measures of punishment as nearly equal as possible.

4. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon the several Teachers to carry

out the primary object of the School as a Religious Institution; and to enable them to do so,

5. *Resolved, further,* That the Rector be requested, upon consultation with his assistants, to dismiss all pupils whose characters render it probable that the motives referred to in the foregoing extracts will not be properly appreciated.

6. *Resolved,* That every Student, upon being admitted into the School, shall be considered as on probation until the Rector shall be satisfied, from his character and conduct, that it is proper to take him into full connexion.

7. *Resolved,* That in the administration of the School, the Committee recognize no right on the part of the pupils, by any combination among themselves, upon a mistaken notion of honour, to withhold from the Rector information as to breaches of the law, when called on for testimony.

8. *Resolved,* That the Rector, the Chaplain and the senior Teacher be requested to arrange the School upon the principles contained in the foregoing resolutions, and report the arrangements so made to the School Committee at its next meeting.

The Committee having found that the funds arising from tuition at the former price (\$25 per session,) were insufficient to pay the salaries of the requisite number of Teachers, and that the price allotted for board produced a sum barely adequate to meet the current expenses of the establishment, felt themselves compelled, however reluctantly, to increase the charge for tuition to \$37 50; thus making the whole charge for board and tuition \$100 per session.

There have been two public Examinations of the pupils since the last Convention, one in June and the other in November; both of which were conducted by gentlemen selected by the Committee from different parts of the State. Reports of these Examinations and of the state of the School, were prepared and published, copies of which are herewith presented.

Since the commencement of the present session, the Committee have been convened for the purpose of acting on the resignation of Mr. Cogswell, the Rector of the School, whose impaired health, he thought, compelled him to seek a release from his arduous labours. His resignation under such circumstances, how much soever regretted, could not but be accepted by the Committee; and they accordingly proceeded to the election of a successor of Mr. Cogswell. After much careful consideration, they unanimously appointed the Rev. ADAM EMPIE, D. D., *President of the College of William and Mary, Virginia;* and they take pleasure in informing the Convention that he has accepted the appointment, and that he will enter upon the duties of his charge immediately after the Commencement at his College, early in July next.

In the mean time, Mr. Cogswell having retired from the School, the Committee have assigned the duties of Rector to John De Berniere Hooper, the principal Teacher of Ancient Languages, a gentleman who has been connected with the School from its commencement, and whose reputation as a Scholar and an Instructor stands deservedly high.

The present session commenced on the 15th day of January, and will terminate on the 16th day of June next. The average number of pupils for the session has been 94. The Teachers at this time are—JOHN DE B. HOOPER, acting Rector; the Rev. JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS, Chaplain; NA-

THANIEL RICHARDSON, Teacher of Mathematics; FREDERICK W. SHELTON, Teacher of Ancient Languages, and GEO. HOOD, Writing Master and Teacher of Sacred Music. The Department of Modern Languages is at present vacant.

The resolution of the Committee adopted in May last, and reported to the last Convention, providing for the reduction of the salary of the Chaplain to \$400, and requiring him to reside in the Institution, having, on more mature consideration, been rescinded, the SALARIES of the several Teachers remain the same as stated in the Report of the School Committee of the last year, with the exception of that of the Rector, which has been fixed by the Committee at \$1750 per annum, together with the board of himself and family in the establishment.

The Buildings of the Institution, owing to the great inclemency of the winter, are not in that state of forwardness which the Committee could have wished—but every exertion is making to have them completed before the end of the year. The walls of the main or centre building are finished, and the roof is on; most of the materials are upon the spot, and much of the wood work for the interior is ready to be put up. As the lease which the Committee hold, of the house now occupied as a Refectory, will expire with the present year, it is absolutely indispensable that the buildings should all be in readiness by that time. But to complete them, the means at the disposal of the Committee must be increased.

The statement of the Treasurer's Account, which is herewith submitted, shows that there is, at this time, a deficiency of funds. The whole amount received since the last Convention up to the first of the present month, from all sources, including the balance (\$419 07) in the hands of the Treasurer on the first day of June last; the sum (\$6450) collected on the bonds belonging to the fund for the Episcopate, and \$5515 31 borrowed from the Banks, is \$31,185. While the whole amount expended and paid out, during the same period, is \$30,311 60, leaving a balance in the Treasury of only \$873 50, to meet the current expenses of the remainder of the session, including salaries, and to pay a debt still due the Bank, amounting probably in all to about \$5000.

Such being the state of the finances, the Convention and the friends of the School generally must see, and the Committee sincerely hope they will realize, the necessity of renewed and vigorous exertions to increase the funds, both by the collection of moneys due from former subscribers, and by additional subscriptions. From a careful examination of the Books, it appears that the whole amount of subscriptions remaining unpaid is \$11,003, and of this sum \$5605 are due at this time. Could this latter sum be speedily collected, the Institution would be in a measure relieved from present embarrassment. But more than the *whole amount* will be requisite to carry on the buildings to completion. An effort, therefore, should be made, not only to collect what is already due, but to prevail with the subscribers generally to anticipate the payment of their remaining instalments, and to obtain still farther contributions.

At the late Session of the General Assembly, an act was passed to incorporate "The Episcopal School of North Carolina;" which being nearly identical with the "Bill" formerly presented to that body, is believed to be free from all objections. A copy of it is herewith submitted to the

Convention, and the Committee have no hesitation in recommending its adoption.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the School Committee.

GEO. W. FREEMAN, *Secretary.*

Statement of the Treasurer's Account, Episcopal School, May, 1836.

Edmund B. Freeman, Treasurer of the Episcopal School, in account with Executive
Dr. Committee. Cr.

1835, June 1.	To balance, as per acc't rendered by I. Wetmore, late Treasurer,	\$419 07	1836, May 1.	By cash paid current expenses to this date,	\$6,842 42
1836, May 1.	Cash rec'd to this date, to-wit, for Board and Tuition, 2d sess. 1835 and 1st of 1836,	16,217 40		Cash p'd salaries to date,	4,846 15
	Mattresses and Bedding,	458		Cash p'd interest on loan from Episcopal Fund, for one year,	444
	Loans from Bank of the State, net,	5,515 31		Cash p'd J. W. Wright, int'st accrued on bonds before transfer,	176 24
	Loan from Episcopal Fund, (collected,)	6,450		Cash paid loans, (Bank of the State,	8,100
	Subscriptions and Donations,	1,887		Cash paid for Mattresses and Bedding,	629 79
	Interest on bonds,	238 32		Cash paid for Centre Building,	8,918 26
				Cash p'd for other Buildings,	354 65
				Balance,	873 59
		<u>31,185 10</u>			<u>31,185 10</u>
	To balance in hands of Treasurer,	873 59			

E. E.

E. B. FREEMAN,
Treasurer Episcopal School.

On motion of E. L. Winslow,

Resolved, That so much of the Report of the Secretary of the School, as relates to the finances of the School, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Rev. W. M. Green, of the Standing Committee, made the following Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The acts of the Standing Committee, for the past year, have been as follows:

Testimonials for Priest's Orders have been granted to Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, accompanied by a letter to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Virginia requesting his Ordination.

At the request of the Managers of the Missionary Society, the Rev. Wm. D. Cairns was authorised by the Clerical members of the Commit-

tee, to relinquish his appointment to Rockingham County and parts adjacent, and to engage in visiting the several Congregations of the Diocese, for the purpose of making collections in behalf of the funds of said Society.

The Rev. M. A. Curtis was, in like manner, authorised to accept the appointment of Missionary to Charlotte and Lincolnton.

By a resolution of the Committee, the Diocese Library has been committed to the care of the Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh, until further ordered.

Letters of dismissal have been granted to Rev. John Morgan, addressed to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Maryland.

In accordance with a resolution of the last Convention, Gavin Hogg, Esq. was appointed a Delegate to the late General Convention, in the place of Wm. E. Anderson, Esq., who had signified his inability to attend.

The Clerical members of the Committee assigned to the Rev. M. A. Curtis, Rev. Cameron F. McRae, Rev. Harvey Stanly and to the Rev. Edw'd M. Forbes, the course of study to be pursued by them respectively preparatory to their application for Priest's Orders.

Letters of dismissal have been granted to the Rev. John Avery, addressed to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama.

Letters of dismissal have also been granted to the Rev. Wm. W. Spear, addressed to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of South Carolina.

Testimonials have been given in behalf of the Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry, elected, under a Canon of the last General Convention, to be Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, and the consent of the Committee signified to his Consecration.

In closing their Report, the Committee cannot refrain from adverting to the loss sustained, not by their own body only, but by the Diocese at large, in the death of Gavin Hogg, Esq., and in the removal of Walker Anderson, Esq. Their faithful and efficient services, both as members of the Standing Committee, and as liberal supporters of the Church, deserve to be held in most grateful remembrance.

W. M. GREEN, *President.*

John W. Wright, Treasurer of the Diocese, made his Report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Saunders,

Resolved, That the Reports of the Treasurer be entered upon and printed with the Journals of the Convention.—[*See Appendix.*]

On motion, the Convention adjourned to Friday, 9 o'clock.

Service was read at night by the Rev. Mr. Green, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Richard S. Mason, D. D., President of Newark College, Delaware.



FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1836.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A certificate of Delegation from St. Thomas's Church, Craven county,

was read, from which it appeared that the following were elected Delegates to this Convention, viz: Jesse Noble, John M. Bryan, John Green, Sen., and William M. Herritage. Whereupon, Messrs. Noble, Green, and Herritage, took their seats.

The committee to whom was referred the application of the congregation of St. Paul's Parish, Swift Creek, Craven county, to be admitted into union with this Convention, made the following Report, which was read:

The Committee to whom was referred the certificate of an organized Congregation, called St. Paul's Parish, at Swift's Creek, Craven County, and the prayer of the subscribers to said certificate, to be admitted in communion with this Diocese, beg leave to REPORT,—

That they have examined the certificate of Association, and believe that it is in due form, and that the Congregation was organized pursuant to the provisions of the 7th Canon of the Convention of this Diocese.

The Committee have inquired into the state of the neighborhood intended to be embraced in St. Paul's Parish, and have ascertained that prior or immediately subsequent to the Revolution in this country, Divine Services were regularly held there by a Clergyman of the Church of England, and that the majority, if not all of those residing in the vicinity, were then attached to the Doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church; that, upon the death of the Rev. Mr. Blount, Divine Service was discontinued there; the Chapel, through neglect, went to decay,—and this portion of God's heritage for many years has been unbled by the preaching of the word. As a necessary consequence, this neighborhood became destitute of all religious and restraining influences.

Thus it continued, 'till owing to some peculiar providences of God, the settlement has, within the last five or six years, greatly improved. The present generation profess an attachment to the faith of their fathers; and the respectable names subscribed to the certificate of Organization, evidence a hearty desire to be instructed in this faith.

Considering, therefore, what this parish has been, and what it may be made by the labours of a regularly ordained Minister, the Committee would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners above mentioned be granted, by receiving them as a duly organized congregation, designated as St. Paul's Parish, under the control of the Convention of this Diocese.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

H. STANLY, *Chairman.*

On motion, the prayer of the petition was granted, the congregation admitted into union, and the following Delegates admitted to seats in the Convention, viz: Alderson Ellison and Abner Heartley.

The Parochial Reports were called for, and by the President laid on the Secretary's table, read, and on motion referred to the committee on the State of the Church, as follows:

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. George W. Freeman, Rector.

Baptisms, infants,
Confirmations,

10
2

Communicants—died 1, removed 10, present number,	57
Marriages,	4
Burials—adults 3, infants 6, (of these 2 adults and 1 infant were not of the congregation,)	9
Families,	45
Adults,	125
Sunday School—Scholars,	20
Teachers,	3
Moneys received—for the Bible, P. B., T., & Miss'y Society: Sale of 1 copy Ravenscroft's Works,	\$5 00
Sale of Prayer Books,	4 25
Contributions,	66 00
Collection by Rev. Mr. Cairns,	198 30
	<hr/>
	273 55
For the Bishop's Salary and contingencies,	125 00
	<hr/>
	\$398 55

Although the above table, compared with the report of the last year, shows a decrease in the number of Communicants, the circumstances of the congregation are not altogether discouraging. There is still reason to believe, that the Church is gradually extending her limits in this portion of the Diocese: and, what is more cheering, there is ground to hope that the influence of the blessed Gospel is spreading in the congregation. At the next visitation of the Bishop, it is believed there will be several persons hopefully prepared to renew the solemn promises and vows of their Baptismal covenant, in the rite of Confirmation.

The Working Society continues, with unabated zeal, its unostentatious but highly useful labours. It is pleasant to observe, how one want after another, either of the Church or her Ministers, is supplied by the industrious hands of this small association of females; who manage to earn and to apply to various useful purposes, upwards of \$60 per annum.

The services for the Blacks, though intermitted during the winter, have not been without their fruits. Several of that class of persons appear to be sincerely "asking the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward."

The plan of weekly contributions, recommended by the Bishop in his Pastoral Letter, has been partially adopted in this congregation. Boxes have been placed at the several doors of the Church to receive the offerings of such as might feel disposed, in this way, to contribute. In thirteen months these offerings have amounted to nearly \$200, and have been appropriated chiefly to meet the demands upon the Congregation made by the last and the present Convention. Hereafter, it is hoped that the plan being more generally adopted, there will be a handsome surplus for other Diocesan purposes.

GEO. W. FREEMAN.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Rector.

Communicants—dead 5, withdrawn 1, excommunicated	
1, removed 10,	17

Returned 4, added 17,	21
Present number—White 134, Coloured 23,	157
Confirmations—White 13, Coloured 1,	14
Baptisms—White Adult 2, Infants 23; Coloured In- fants 6,	31
Marriages—White 7, Coloured 2,	9
Burials,	6
Families—about	95
Sunday School—Male Teachers 8, Female Teachers 12,	20
Scholars—Male 51, Female 75,	126
Average attendance,	60
Volumes in Parish Library,	720
Sunday School Library,	265
Moneys collected—For Missionary Society of the Di- ocese,	\$526 50
Episcopate and Contingent Fund,	\$175

My state of health for the past year has been so unfavorable as to render me unable to give this parish more than irregular and imperfect services. The Bible Classes have been entirely stopt, with the exception of a male class for a short time; and I have not been able to preach one-half of the time. This deficiency has, however, been in a good measure supplied by my Brethren who have visited the Parish in the course of the year, and by the Lay Readers of the Church. The disadvantages under which the Congregation have laboured, have been borne by them with cheerful resignation, and most kind indulgence towards myself; and I thank God that I feel myself justified in reporting the Church in Wilmington as, upon the whole, in a faithful and advancing condition. The plan of systematic charity, recommended by the Bishop, has been put into operation, and though not perfected, is efficiently contributing to the support of the Church and the Gospel. The Ladies' Working Society continues its truly praiseworthy and valuable labours. A neat village Church has been erected at Wrightsville, within eight miles of Wilmington, and it is expected, will be ready for consecration at the next visit of the Bishop.

THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, white 2, col'd 6; infants, white 6,	14
In Waynesborough, infants, white 12, col'd 9,	21
	— 35
Confirmations—White 15, coloured 1,	16
Communion—decrease, by death 2, by removal 4,	6
Addition, 10, by removal within the pa- rish 4, do. coloured 2,	16
Present number, white 106, coloured 52,	158
Marriages—White 1, coloured 4,	5
Burials—White 6, coloured 3,	9
Moneys collected—For the Episcopate,	\$150

For the Contingent Fund,	25
For the Missionary Society,	530 27
Presented by a Lady in Clinton,	4

The Rector reports his charge, under the Divine blessing, to be healthy and prosperous, though it is proper to state, that rarely more than one-half of the registered number of coloured communicants assemble on any one occasion of celebrating the Lord's Supper.

The Sunday School teaching in this parish is now restricted to the children of the poor. And it is hoped that the sense of parental and pastoral responsibility in respect of the young, and which the Sunday School system, as before conducted, had much impaired, will excite both parents and Pastor to a more diligent discharge of duty.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Rector.*

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. John Burke, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 4; Infants, 3 White, 4 Coloured,	11
Confirmations,	2
Marriages, including 1 at Washington,	6
Deaths, 1 at Washington,	6
Sunday School—Scholars,	106
Teachers,	25

Communicants—Removed 3, added 2, present number, 84

The Parish Register of Christ's Church furnished the data of the last annual report of Communicants. The number was then erroneously stated to be 119—the real number being 86. The names of many who, by death, removal or defection, had ceased to be communicants, were, through mistake, included in the reports of the two last years; a fact which sufficiently accounts for the apparent diminution of numbers.

Collections towards the Bishop's Fund,	\$233 04
Balance of the assessment for the two last years,	66 96
Monies received for the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society,	\$75

The progress of the Bible Class in Scriptural knowledge is in the highest degree gratifying.

JOHN BURKE, *Rector.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. William M. Green, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 10, coloured 1; adults, white 1, coloured 1,	13
Communicants—2 added, 1 received from another part of the Diocese, 5 removed, 2 died, present number,	68
Funerals—1 communicant, 2 not of the congregation,	3
Sunday Scholars—25 females, 13 males,	38
Teachers—5 females, 2 males,	7
Adults in the congregation,	120

Collections—for Episcopate and Contingencies,	850
For Missionary Society, by Rev. Mr. Cairns,	81
by annual subscription,	42

— 123

The above statement shows a small decrease in the number of communicants reported at the last Convention. There is, however, in the general condition of the congregation, enough to encourage hope, and invite to renewed exertion for its spiritual welfare.

The Sunday School has lately been re-organized; and it is hoped that increased efficiency will be the fruit of its labours. Its Teachers are of a character to give promise of much blessing to the young members of the Church under their instruction. The Rector is present at the opening of the School, and lectures the whole School on the appointed Scripture lesson. The number of books in the library will soon be increased by a supply daily expected.

The Rector's Bible Class, though not large in number, and though frequently prevented by the inclemency of the weather from meeting together, continues to advance in the knowledge of the Scriptures.

The Ladies' Working Society is at length rewarded by seeing the Church freed from debt, chiefly by their labours. They are now labouring diligently to aid in purchasing an Organ.

The Rector's weekly Lectures have been renewed since the opening of the Spring. The severity of the late season was so great, and so long continued, as very frequently to prevent the congregation from assembling together, and thereby to deprive them of many opportunities of hearing the Word.

The plan of systematic charity commenced in January 1835, has been continued, and has so far met the hopes entertained for its success.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, (ORANGE COUNTY.)

Divine Service has been regularly performed at this place on the second Saturday in each month. The congregation, although very small, is attentive to the preaching of the Word, and grateful for the privilege of worshipping God after the manner of their fathers.

Communicants,

12

SALEM CHAPEL, (AT JUDGE CAMERON'S.)

At this place I have regularly officiated once a month for the last ten years. Owing to the removal of Judge C's family to Raleigh, I shall hereafter either confine my labours wholly to Hillsborough, or else give a fourth of my time to Missionary labour in the neighbouring country.

W. M. GREEN, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. William D. Cairns, Rector.

The present incumbent took charge of this Church, resigning his office of General Missionary at the instance of the Bishop, on the 15th of March

last; since which time he has married 1 couple and buried 1 person. The Bishop, at his late visitation, confirmed four persons. There have been added to the communion of the Church, since the 15th of March, 8 persons, making the present number of communicants 51. Besides these, there are several residing in Hertford, and several others in Washington county, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Forbes, whose names are still retained on the Parish Register in Edenton, in consequence of there being no regularly organized parish in Washington county.

There is a small Sunday School in operation in the parish, containing about 50 scholars. A Bible Class has been commenced, and an evening Lecture in the week. The Church Library contains about 50 volumes, and the Sunday School Library about the same number. An effort has been made which promises to result in the increase of both.

The Assessment for 1836 has been paid in full,	\$100
Contributions to the Missionary Society,	179
	— 279

WM. D. CAIRNS, *Rector.*

IMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Rev. William Norwood, Rector.

Families,	16
Baptisms—Adults 4, infants 7,	11
Candidates for Confirmation,	5
Communicants—Removed 2, added 5,	26
Marriage,	1
Burial,	1
Money received—For Assessment,	\$30
For Missionary Society,	26 62

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Families,	7
Marriage,	1
Communicants—(added 1,)	15
Money received—For Assessment,	\$30

WILLIAM NORWOOD, *Rector.*

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, NEAR RALEIGH.

Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, Chaplain.

The Chaplain of the Episcopal School, in obedience to the Canon for "securing an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time," passed in General Convention, 1835, respectfully Reports "to the Ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese:"

That during the past year he has conducted the Morning and Evening Devotions of the School, and has been engaged every day during term time, in instructing the pupils in the principles of our holy religion, and in the history, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Church, as taught in the

sacred Scriptures, in the Catechisms, the Book of Common Prayer and in other approved works. For details relative to the plan, amount of instruction given, &c. during the year, the Chaplain respectfully refers to the two Reports made to the School Committee, by the gentlemen appointed to conduct the public Examinations of the School in June and November last. The "occasional services" of the Chaplain have been as follows: During the vacation of the School last Winter, he visited his former parish of Immanuel Church, Warrenton, officiated twice and baptized the child of the Rector. Also, St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, where he preached in the forenoon, and baptized the Rector's child; and in the afternoon performed Divine Service and preached to the coloured congregation of the parish. Also, St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, where, in the absence of the Rector, he twice performed Divine Service and preached. Both during term time and in vacation, he has "occasionally" read the Morning Service in Christ Church, Raleigh, assisted the Rector in the administration of the Holy Communion, and preached for him.

Before closing his Report, the Chaplain, at the instance of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, is happy to inform the Convention that during the late visit of the Bishop to England, the venerable "Society in that country, for promoting Christian knowledge," and the incorporated "Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts," did, as an evidence of their desire for the promotion of Christian education and knowledge, and of their interest in the Episcopal School of North Carolina, present to the School, through the Bishop, a complete set of all the publications issued by each of those Societies. As these publications contain most, if not all, the Religious School Books used in many public Schools in England, and as the literature of our country is particularly deficient in sound works of this description, it is believed that this noble present may hereafter be peculiarly useful in the religious instruction of the pupils of the Episcopal School. The books are expected at Raleigh daily.

JOS. H. SAUNDERS, *Chaplain.*

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—Infants,	5
Communicants—(4 added, 4 removed,)	30
Marriages, 1 white, 1 coloured,	2
Burials—4 whites, 2 coloured,	6
Sunday School—Teachers 6, Scholars 46.	
Money collected—For Assessment,	\$25
For Missionary Society,	115

The condition of this congregation is much the same as at the last report. Of the number added to the Holy Communion, two are new communicants, and two transferred from Wilmington. The Bible Class and Sunday School were discontinued during the winter. The latter has recently been re-opened with an accession to the number of scholars; and the duties of the former will be resumed in June.

At the village of Haywood, I have officiated one Sunday in every month since the last Convention, except when prevented by unavoidable circum-

stances. Though I have not been called to perform any other duties than those of public worship and preaching, and no congregation has been organized, yet recent demonstrations of increasing interest in religion and the Church, have encouraged me to hope that good has been done. At my last visit, a spirited effort was made by the few friends of the Church to raise a sum sufficient to build a house of worship. A very eligible lot was given by one gentleman, and a subscription of \$350 secured in a few hours, which will probably be increased to \$500. They will require aid from other sources, and the prospect of success to the effort made to establish the Church there, will much depend on their receiving that aid.

At Pittsborough and at this place, there are 4 or 5 candidates for Confirmation.

PHILIP B. WILEY, *Rector and Missionary.*

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. S. I. Johnston, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, White 5, Coloured 7,	12
Adults, White 2, Coloured 2,	4
	— 16
Confirmations—White 9, Coloured 1,	10
Communicants—Decrease by death 1, by removal 3,	4
Additions—White 8, Coloured 1,	9
Present number—Whites 26, Coloured 6,	32
Marriages,	1
Burials,	1
Sunday School—Volumes, Library,	50
Female Scholars 30, Male Scholars 23,	53
Female Teachers 5, Male Teachers 2,	7

Moneys collected in the parish during the present Conventional year, for Missionary Society by the General Agent, and the plan of systematic contributions, \$70. Episcopate and Contingent Fund, \$25.

The plan suggested by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, in his Pastoral Letter on systematic charity, has been adopted as the one which will enable this parish to meet the resolution adopted by the Missionary Society, in the Sessions of 1834 and '35, requesting the Ministers of the several parishes in the Diocese to form Auxiliary Societies. This plan has been adopted from the conviction, that the Congregation will contribute more in this manner than they could by any Society which could be formed in the Congregation. To meet the views expressed by the Church in General Convention, appointing the Minister of each and every Congregation, the Agent of the Board of Missions, the Vestry has advised the Minister of this parish to make out a list of those baptised into the Church, and call upon them to contribute what seemeth to them good or convenient, for the Board of Missions of the Church.

I have ministered the third Sunday of every month at Morven, where there are two Episcopal families; at which place I have had the liberal and efficient assistance of the Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector of St. David's Church, Cheraw.

SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, *Rector.*

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Rector.

Number of Families,	9
Number of Communicants,	17
Baptisms—2 white, 6 coloured,	8
Marriages,	5

The decrease in the number of families and communicating Church members, in this congregation, since last year, has been occasioned by removals and death.

STATION AT LOUISBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Number of communicants and families regularly attending service, the same as reported last year. There have been 7 infant Baptisms—one Marriage, and 1 Funeral. The services of the Church continue to be well attended by the population generally—perhaps better at present than they have ever been since the commencement of my Missionary visits.

T. S. W. MOTT.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. Cameron F. Mac Rae, Deacon, Minister.

Baptisms—6 adults, 12 infants,	18
Communicants—Decrease by death 2, by removal 7,	9
Present number,	43
Marriages,	5
Burials,	8
Sunday School—Teachers 10, Scholars 50.	
Moneys collected—For the Assessment,	\$50
For the Missionary Society,	120

The condition of this Parish has not materially changed since the submission of the last Report. A few have been added to the communion, and others express a desire to avail themselves of the same privilege, so soon as an opportunity occurs. Of the baptized adults, two we humbly trust, have "fallen asleep in Jesus." They were Candidates for Confirmation, and would, had it been possible, have gladly received the Sacrament of the Supper.

Since the month of February, this Parish has received my undivided services; having relinquished at that time the Missionary Station at Hertford, in Perquimons County, to the General Missionary of the Diocese.

CAMERON F. MACRAE, *Minister.*

REPORT of Rev. J. Singeltary, Missionary, at Trinity Church Scotland Neck, and Calvary Church, Tarborough.

Trinity Church—Baptisms,	5
Communicants,	8

Calvary Church—Baptisms, infants 2, adult 1,	5
Communicants,	10
Marriages,	3
Burial,	1

J. SINGELTARY.

REPORT of the Missionary officiating in Beaufort and Craven counties.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, BATH, BEAUFORT.

Communicants,	18
Burial,	1
Marriage,	1

TRINITY CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms, infants,	2
Confirmations, coloured,	2
Communicants added, coloured,	2
Whole number of Communicants,	18

ZION CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms, infants,	3
Communicants,	11

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Communicants—decrease by death and removal,	4
Present number of Communicants,	2

ST. THOMAS'S CHAPEL, CRAVEN COUNTY.

Communicants—added,	1
Present number,	9

TOTAL.—Baptisms, infants,	5
Confirmations, coloured,	2
Communicants—added,	4
Lost by death or removal,	5
Present number,	58
Marriage,	1
Burial,	1

Since the departure of the Rev. Mr. Rogers, there has been no Divine Service in any of the aforementioned Parishes. This will explain why the return to the Convention is not more full; and why there is so poor an exhibit of the labours of the Missionary.

Soon after the last Convention held in Hillsborough, I commenced my Missionary duties at Flat Rock, Buncombe county. Here I remained till the first of November. During this period, I administered the rite of

infant baptism to two persons—and was called upon to officiate at one funeral. The congregation that attended my Ministry at this Station, was composed almost entirely of visiters from the States of South Carolina and Georgia, who make Flat Rock a summer retreat, or stop there on their way to the Springs. With the exception of three or four irregular attendants residing in the neighborhood, the hearers bend their course Southward as soon as the frost and cold weather render a return home safe. It was therefore judged advisable to have no services in St. John's during the winter. I regret that I cannot encourage the hope that there is an immediate prospect of building up the Church in this distant quarter of the Diocese. Charles Baring, Esq. is the sole contributor to the congregation, and the three members of his family the only communicants who are permanently settled here. Though the hope, however, of establishing the Church here is remote, yet it is not desperate. The healthy climate, and beautiful and romantic scenery, of Flat Rock, are gradually becoming known and appreciated, and its improvement has been such in the last five years, as to warrant the presumption, that there will be a dense and enlightened population settled in its immediate vicinity, who will become supporters of the Church.

I organized a Sunday School at Flat Rock, and had 20 scholars; but such were the prejudices generally entertained against the Church, by the native residents, and many of the pupils of the School lived at such distances from the Chapel, that not more than half of this number were present at one time.

In November, I returned to the Eastern part of the Diocese, and, under the direction of the constituted authority, made Beaufort and Craven counties the field of my Missionary efforts. There are many in these Parishes who evidence a deep and abiding attachment to the Church. But there are others who are willing to be considered Churchmen, while they are shamefully indifferent to the Gospel, and reluctant contributors to its support.

St. Paul's Parish, it will be seen from a certificate to be presented to the present Convention, has been organized within the last month. Of the prospects of the Church here, nothing is known. I can only hope for the best. It is pleasant, however, to reflect, that, so far as the exertions of the Missionary, by God's blessing, can accomplish, one of the most neglected portions of the Saviour's vineyard will now have their spiritual wants attended to. An Episcopal congregation has been formed, and every evidence has been given of a desire to know and profit by the truth as it is in Jesus.

H. STANLY.

CHARLOTTE, LINCOLNTON AND PARTS ADJACENT.

Rev. M. A. Curtis, Deacon and Missionary.

Lincolnton—Baptism, 1 White.

Religious services have been pretty regularly held in this place during the past year, but nearly all who are attached to our Church have removed, or are about to remove, to other States, and no encouragement is offered for the continuance of Missionary labor.

There are a few devoted Episcopal families in the County, but too widely separated to be collected together for public worship.

Charlotte—Baptisms, 6 White, 6 Coloured, 12

A Church has been organized in this place, and efforts are making to obtain the means of erecting a house of worship. I have been unable to ascertain the number of Episcopal families in this County; but the prospect of doing good invites to continued and persevering effort for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

St. Andrew's Church, Burke County—Baptisms, White 4.

I have preached to this destitute, but worthy flock, three times during the last year. The regular congregation comprises seven or eight families, who are ready to do all in their power for the maintenance of a Missionary.

St. John's Chapel, Burke County.—This is a neat and commodious house of worship, about 10 miles from St. Andrew's Chapel, erected by the liberality of the two Messrs. Perkins. But two or three families of Episcopalians live in the immediate vicinity of this Chapel. They are desirous of securing the regular ministrations of a Missionary.

— Since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Spear, I have several times preached to the Churches in Rowan County. I have been unable to procure the requisite information for a report upon their present state. It is to be feared, however, that the elements of dissolution are at work, and that without a speedy supply of regular ministerial services they will fast go to decay.

The labors of your Missionary have been so diffused, that he is unable to determine the amount of good which, by divine grace, he may have been instrumental in accomplishing. It is devoutly hoped that seed has been sown, which will, ere long, spring up and bear fruit to the honor of God's holy name.

Collected for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund.

Christ Church, Rowan county,	\$11 50	
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	37 80	
St. Andrew's Church, Burke county,	15 50	
		\$64 80

Collected for the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Lincoln County,	11 19	
Mecklenburg county,	4 65	
		15 84
Sale of Prayer Books,		1 25

\$81 89

M. ASHLEY CURTIS.

REPORT of the Missionary at Washington and Tyrrell Counties.

I took charge of the Missionary Station assigned me, in November.

Every third Sunday I preach at Plymouth; the others are devoted to Pettigrew's Chapel. I had intended to give one Saturday to Shiloh, one to Columbia, and one to a congregation near Skinnersville, thus giving to these congregations the services of the Church once in three weeks. But I have been unable to be regular in my appointments at these places.

There are thirteen Communicants belonging to my Missionary Station, and five Candidates for Confirmation.

I have married one couple and baptized one infant.

I have formed a Tract Society, distributed one Bible, thirty-two Prayer Books, and between six and seven thousand pages of Tracts. Most of the Tracts were presented by the Tract Society of the General Theological Seminary. On the evenings of those Sundays which are given to Pettigrew's Chapel, I have preached to the colored people belonging to Messrs. Collins and Pettigrew. On account of the absence of these gentlemen, no regular plan of instructing these people in the Christian religion has been formed. It will be formed however, so soon as arrangements can be made.

E. M. FORBES, *Missionary,*
At Tyrrell and Washington Counties.

On motion, *Resolved.* That the Convention will give way this afternoon for a meeting of the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract, and Missionary Society.

The Rev. Mr. Cairns, from the Committee to whom was referred the proposed alterations of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the proposed amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts, made the following Report:

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the "proposed alterations in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," recommended by the late General Convention of the Church, and required to "be made known to the several State Conventions," respectfully Report: That, in preference to any action upon the subject at the present Convention, as great principles in relation both to our Ecclesiastical polity and arrangement are involved in the proper adjustment of it, they would advise the publication, on the pages of the Journal of this Convention, for the general information of the members of the Church in this Diocese, the 5th article of the Constitution and its proposed substitute, and also the other alterations recommended by the same General Convention.

And, as whatever affects the integrity of our "Book of Common Prayer" cannot but be of deep interest to every true lover of the Church, your Committee are of opinion that the same course should be adopted in relation to the "proposed amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts."

The alterations recommended in the Constitution, and the proposed amendment to the Table, may both be found in "Appendix G." on the 157, 158 pages of the Journal of the late General Convention, and your Committee make this reference in the belief that they will thereby secure to the subject a more particular attention than it would otherwise receive, and also prepare the members of the Church generally, for a more intelligent course of action in relation to it, at some period prior to the next meeting of the General Convention, than could otherwise be adopted.

In behalf of the Committee,

WM. D. CAIRNS, *Ch'n.*

Article 5 of the Constitution, as it now stands, reads as follows:

ARTICLE 5. A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted, on acceding to this Constitution.

The proposed substitute reads as follows:

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any part of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted, on acceding to this Constitution; and a new diocese, to be formed from one or more existing dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions.

No new diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other diocese; nor shall any diocese be formed by the junction of two or more dioceses or parts of dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

No such new diocese shall be formed, which shall contain less than 8000 square miles in one body, and thirty presbyters, who have been, for at least one year, canonically resident within the bounds of such new diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a bishop. Nor shall such new diocese be formed, if thereby any existing diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than 8000 square miles, or less than thirty presbyters, who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned.

In case one diocese shall be divided into two dioceses, the diocesan of the diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall, thereupon, become the diocesan thereof; and the assistant bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and, if it be not the one elected by the bishop, he shall be the diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a diocese into two dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of two dioceses shall be subject to the constitution and canons of the diocese so divided, except as local circumstances prevent, until the same may be altered in either diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing dioceses, the new diocese shall be subject to the constitution and canons of that one of the said existing dioceses to which the greater number of clergymen shall have belonged, prior to the erection of such new diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new diocese.

The other alterations are the following:

Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the first and second articles, except where it follows the word "United," in the first part of the first article, and insert in lieu of the word "States" the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the second, third and fourth articles, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Diocese."

Strike out the words "or District" in the fourth article.

Strike out the word "State" in the sixth article, and insert the word "Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the eighth article, and insert the word "Dioceses;" and in the eighth article strike out the words "or State" after the words "every Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "State" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Diocesan."

The Note on the Table of Moveable Feasts, alluded to, reads as follows:—

Note.—That in a Bissextile or Leap Year the number of Sundays after *Epiphany* will be the same as if *Easter-Day* had fallen one Day later than it really does. And, for the same reason, one Day must, in every Leap-Year, be added to the day of the Month given by the Table for *Septuagesima* Sunday, and for the first Day of Lent.

To this it is proposed to add the words:—“Unless the Table gives some day in the month of March for it—for in that case the day given by the Table is the right day.”

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, the Report was adopted, and the article proposed to be altered, and the Note, and alterations, ordered to be published.

Convention took a recess to attend Service.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Curtis, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, from the 26th chapter of Acts, part of the 28th verse.

After Service, when the Convention again met, an adjournment was moved, to afford the Missionary Society an opportunity of meeting.

When Convention again assembled,

The Rev. Mr. Green, from the Missionary Society, submitted a statement, and the following Resolutions, which were read:

1st. *Resolved*, As the sense of this Meeting, that the Church of Christ is the only proper Missionary Society, being divinely instituted, and wisely adapted, for the conducting of all operations for the spread of the Gospel.

2d. *Resolved*, That, in accordance with the foregoing principle, the Convention of the Church, in this Diocese, be respectfully requested to take under its own immediate control, all the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary operations of the Diocese.

3d. *Resolved*, That should the Convention accede to the foregoing request, and assume the existing responsibilities of this Society to the Missionaries and others, all the records and the property of every description belonging to the Society, be delivered to such persons as the Convention may appoint to receive them,—and this Society be then dissolved.

4th. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by this Society, to communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Convention, and respectfully to request their adoption of the plan proposed therein.

5th. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and to make out a list of all the property and of all the existing liabilities of the Society, and that the Committee report to this Society at its next meeting.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Saunders,

Resolved, That this Convention approve the principles contained in the foregoing resolutions received from the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society; and that the said resolutions be referred to a Committee of three persons, to report thereon to this Convention.

And Messrs. Saunders and Cairns of the Clergy, and Wright of the Laity, compose said Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cairns,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to annex to his Report, the list of those Congregations which have failed or may hereafter fail to pay the sums assessed for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, in the hope, that upon such deficiency being brought to their notice, they may transmit the same promptly.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Green,

Resolved unanimously, That the Convention deeply feel the loss sustained by the Diocese in the death of Gavin Hogg, Esq., and that his liberality and zealous efforts in behalf of the Church, deserve to be had in lasting remembrance.

The Convention, on motion, proceeded to elect the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, to consist of three Clergymen and two Laymen. On counting the votes, the Rev. Messrs. William M. Green, George W. Freeman, and Joseph H. Saunders of the Clergy, and Duncan Cameron and Thomas P. Devereux, of the Laity, were elected.

On motion, the election for Delegates to the General Convention was entered upon, and on counting the votes, the following were elected, viz: Messrs. Green and Singeltary, of the Clergy, and E. L. Winslow of the Laity.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet at 5 o'clock.

5 O'CLOCK. P. M.

The Convention met and on motion adjourned to Saturday 9 o'clock.

At Night, Service was read by Rev. Mr. Singeltary, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Buxton, from the 3d chapter Acts, 19th verse.



SATURDAY, MAY 7.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

John H. Bryan, a Delegate from Christ's Church, Newbern, appeared and took his seat.

A certificate of Delegation from Trinity Church, Beaufort County, was read, from which it appeared that Thomas R. Crawford, Frederick Grist, and William J. Laughinghouse, were elected Delegates to this Convention: And of whom Thomas R. Crawford appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Saunders, from the Special Committee on the subject of the Missionary Society, made the following Report, which, with the Resolutions accompanying the same, was adopted:

The Special Committee, to whom were referred sundry Resolutions received from the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society, requesting the Convention to take under its own controul, all the operations of said Society, beg leave respectfully to report:

That amidst the present unanimity of feeling existing on the subject a-

mong the members of the Convention, all discussion of the propriety of the course is happily unnecessary. The Committee, therefore, proceed at once, to the details necessary for carrying into effect the request of the Society. The first point of inquiry was the amount of liabilities and available funds of the Society. A statement on this subject has been laid before the Convention by the authority of the Society and referred to this Committee; from which it appears, that the present liabilities of the Society of every description, (excepting an unsettled account of the Episcopal Press in New York, for the publication of the late Bishop Ravenscroft's Works,) amount to about \$500; that their cash in hand is \$800 54, exclusive of the sums expected to be received during this Convention, amounting probably from \$250 to \$300; that they have 87 copies of Bishop Ravenscroft's Works unsold, 50 Bibles, 217 Prayer Books, and \$50 worth of Tracts. As the cash on hand of the Society is more than sufficient to pay all the Missionary Salaries now due, and as the Society believe that if the account of the Episcopal Press were settled on just principles according to the original contract, there would be nothing due *to* the Press, and not a small balance *from* it; your present Committee have no hesitation in recommending, that the Convention assume all the liabilities of the Society, upon the condition that the Society deliver up to the Agents of the Convention, all their records, funds and other property, as proposed in their 3d resolution.

In order to carry this plan into operation, the following Resolutions, which are believed to be sufficient for the purpose, are respectfully submitted for the adoption of the Convention.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Church, being the divinely established Society for extending and preserving the Religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, her Divine Head, all operations for the furtherance of these objects ought to be under her immediate supervision and control, and that every member and friend of the Church is, according to the principles of this religion, justly liable to be called upon to contribute to these objects, according to the ability wherewith the Lord hath blessed him.

2. *Resolved, therefore*, That this Convention, as the properly authorised representative of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, will henceforth take under its immediate control, all the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary operations of the Diocese, and that all the members and friends of the Church are hereby earnestly exhorted to assist in the performance of this common duty.

3. *Resolved*, That the Convention annually appoint, by ballot, a Committee of five persons, two of whom shall be Clergymen and three Laymen, to be called "*the Missionary Committee*," to whom, with the Bishop as Chairman, shall be entrusted the whole management of all the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary operations of the Diocese; who are hereby vested with authority to devise ways and means to raise funds for conducting their operations, and who shall keep a Journal and report their proceedings annually to the Convention.

4. *Resolved*, That the Missionary Committee be authorised to appoint an Agent, who, if not of the Committee, shall be *ex officio* a member; and, should they deem it expedient, they shall engage his whole services, prescribe his duties, and allow him a salary accordingly.

5. *Resolved*, That this Convention do hereby assume all the liabilities of the Missionary Society to the Missionaries and others, and do appoint the Missionary Committee to receive from the Society all their Records, Funds and other property, as proposed in their 3d resolution, laid before the Convention.

6. *Resolved*, That the Missionary Committee take efficient steps for the speedy settlement of the long standing account of the Episcopal Press in New York against the Missionary Society, according to the original contract, construed upon the principles of justice and equity.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman*.

The Convention, on motion, proceeded to elect the Missionary Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year, and, on counting the votes, the Rev. Messrs. Freeman and Buxton of the Clergy, and Messrs. J. W. Wright, E. L. Winslow, and C. T. Haigh, of the Laity, were elected.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

Resolved, That the portion of the Bishop's Address to this Convention relating to a permanent provision for the Clergy in each parish, be read by the several Clergymen of the Diocese to their respective congregations, from the pulpit, on some occasion of public worship.

The Convention proceeded to elect the remaining number of Delegates to the General Convention. On counting the votes, Messrs. Freeman and Buxton of the Clergy, and Messrs. J. H. Bryan, G. E. Badger, and T. H. Wright, of the Laity, were elected.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Service was read by the Rev. E. M. Forbes, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from Ecclesiastes, 11th chapter and 9th verse.

4 o'clock P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report, which was adopted:

REPORT on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church, within the Diocese of North Carolina, respectfully reports, that amidst many pleasing indications of continued favor from above, and which call for special tribute of devout acknowledgment,—none can be regarded by the Committee with livelier sentiments than the restoration of our beloved Diocesan to constitutional health and vigor. The cloud which, on this point, had slowly gathered over the Church, and already had filled our hearts with sorrow, through the tender mercy of God, has been dispersed, and we are again permitted to unite in counsel with the visible head of this section of the Church;—the bond of its union; the seat of its dignity and the rallying point of its best feelings and affections. May this instance of Divine goodness be duly appreciated by all, and may it furnish to all, new and efficient motives to cultivate those enduring principles of subordination, without which, neither peace can be secured in this world nor happiness in that which is to

come. The interesting Address of the Bishop, with the leading documents which have been submitted to this Convention, will doubtless be published and made accessible to all the members of the Church. Upon these your Committee has only to remark, that the statistics they exhibit furnish evidence of a steady progression of that holy cause which is identified with the best, because eternal interests, of men. From these documents it appears, that during the past year, there have been engaged, within the several departments of our great work, eleven Presbyters and five Deacons, and that the aggregate number of Baptisms reported by these is 164; of Confirmations in the Congregations thus far visited by the Bishop, 50; of additions to the Communion, 63; of Marriages, 40; of Burials, 52;—whole number of Communicants, 1034. It would appear also, from these documents, that the tide of emigration, which continues to people with our citizens the South and the West, has borne along no small number of those who were near to our hearts, and who, we trust in God, will prove the chosen seed for the extension of the Church and the furtherance of truth and righteousness in the region where they dwell. Among these, your Committee would do violence to the best feelings of the Diocese, were they to pass, without a specific notice, the removal from this State of the Rev. John Avery, D. D., long the presiding Presbyter of our deliberative Assemblies; and Professor Anderson, to whom the Church in this Diocese is deeply indebted for important services. Our only consolation in the loss of these gentlemen is, that it will prove the gain of the Church in a region where she is now struggling for existence against innumerable obstacles arising from ignorance, prejudice, and error.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Chairman.*

The Committee of Finance made the following Report, which was also adopted:

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese, have had the same under consideration and now

REPORT:
That they believe the amounts as received by the Treasurer are correct; the vouchers for the disbursements accompany the Account and are found correct.

The fund for the support of the Episcopate, consists now of the receipt of the Treasurer of the School, and the mortgage of the School Committee on the Land and property of the School, for the sum of \$7,400; 11 Shares of the Stock of the Bank of Cape Fear, valued at \$998; a balance due on 15 Shares of the Stock of the State Bank of North Carolina of \$180; and cash in the hands of the Treasurer, \$54 70; making \$8,632 70.

The security and ultimate safety of this fund loaned to the Episcopal School, has engaged the attention of your Committee. From information, they are justified in the belief, that its safety does not depend on the success of the School, but that the property is ample for the security of the debt. Should the School succeed, of which the Committee can now entertain but little if any doubt, may not those who have contributed to this fund, have the great satisfaction of believing and knowing, that they have

aided greatly in the establishment and support of two important means of building up the Church in this Diocese, to-wit, the support of a Bishop and the establishment of a Seminary of learning, where the children of Episcopalians may be educated?

The Committee hope that the promptness which has been displayed in the payment of the interest, will be continued. This interest, together with the assessments, are the only reliance for the payment of the salary of the Bishop. These assessments may not always be relied on with that certainty which is necessary, in consequence of the failure of the Clergy to collect, and often the want of Clergymen in a parish to make collections. It is hoped that when the latter cause exists, the members of the Vestries will give the matter their attention.

The Committee have made some alterations in the rate of assessments, where it appeared a necessity existed; a list is herewith reported.

They wish these assessments could be increased, or other ways and means devised, by which they could justify themselves in recommending to this Convention, the increase of the salary of our Bishop. They, however, see no prospect at present, and can only hope, that the subject will engage the attention and call forth the exertions of all who love the Church.

E. L. WINSLOW, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Green,

Resolved, That the sum of \$200, returned by the Rev. W. W. Spear, through the Rev. W. M. Green, together with all other sums that may be returned from the same source, be placed in the hands of the President of the Standing Committee, to be appropriated, under the direction of said committee, to assisting pious and indigent young men in preparing for the Ministry.

The Committee on the subject of Systematic Charity, made the following report, which, with the resolution accompanying the same, was adopted:

REPORT of the Committee on Systematic Charity.

The Special Committee, to whom were referred such parts of the Episcopal Address as related to the subject of Systematic Charity, beg leave respectfully to REPORT:

That the subject of Systematic Charity, at all times highly important, is believed by your Committee to be particularly so at the present time. The determination of the present Convention to take under its immediate control all the Missionary operations of the Diocese, gives additional interest and importance to the subject.

If our Missionary operations are hereafter to be uniformly efficient and worthy of the Church, they must be supported by a periodical and regular supply of funds. And your Committee know of no other way of raising those funds, which can be depended on, but by some plan of systematic contributions.

Indeed, the Committee believe that the advantages of systematic plans of charity, are fully admitted throughout the whole Diocese, and have been so since the publication of the Pastoral Letter of our Bishop.

The leading principles of the subject having been so fully established in the Letter, to the satisfaction of the Diocese, your Committee believe that all which is now necessary to be done, is, that a uniform plan for carrying

out those principles be recommended by competent authority. Besides the general propriety of looking to the Bishop of the Diocese as the source from whence such plans should originate, there seems to be, in the present instance, a peculiar appropriateness in entrusting the immediate control of the subject to our Bishop, who first introduced it to the notice of the Diocese, until the whole system be completed.

In order, therefore, to carry out this idea, your Committee recommend to the adoption of the Convention the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the plan of Systematic Charity is indispensable to the permanence and efficiency of the Missionary and other benevolent operations of the Diocese. And, in order to effect a uniformity of practice in all our congregations, that the Right Rev. the Bishop be hereby respectfully requested to arrange, at his earliest convenience, all the details of a plan which he may deem necessary for such a system; and, when he has matured the plan, that he publish it to the Diocese.

M. ASHLEY CURTIS.

The Report of the Committee on the Episcopal School was read, and the resolutions recommended to the Convention, after being separately read, were adopted:

REPORT of the Committee on the Episcopal School.

The Committee on the Episcopal School, having examined the several documents referred to them with all the care and attention which the other business of the Convention permitted, beg leave respectfully to present the following remarks and resolutions, as embodying their views on the various important subjects which have come under their consideration.

The Documents referred were, 1. The Annual Report of the School Committee. 2. The Minutes at large of the Committee for the last year. 3 and 4. The two printed Reports of the public Examinations of the School in June and November last. 5. A general statement of the Treasurer's Account. 6. An official copy of the Act to incorporate the Episcopal School, passed by the last General Assembly; and 7. Such parts of the Episcopal Address as relate to the School, and the establishment of a Theological Professorship in connection therewith. As most of these documents, which have not been already printed, will appear on the Journal of the Convention where they may be easily consulted, it is deemed unnecessary to give a regular summary of their contents; the present Committee pass therefore to such topics as seem, in their view, to merit special notice. One of the first impressions produced on the minds of your Committee, by an examination of the various documents referred to them, was in relation to the amount of time and labour which the School Committee have actually devoted to the interests of the Institution. From the sundry matters contained in their annual Report, and still more from the Rev. Secretary's Minutes of the several meetings of the Committee, it appears that the School Committee have prosecuted the various objects of their trust with a degree of industry, zeal and persevering labour, meriting, in the highest degree, the gratitude of all the friends of the Church, and justly entitling them to the zealous co-operation of all those who wish well to the Episcopal School. The present committee therefore feel that

the Convention will, with pleasure, join in acknowledging the important and faithful services of the School Committee, as hereinafter proposed.

Your committee, knowing what a favourite of the Diocese at large, "the fund for the Episcopate" is, and feeling that the principal of that fund ought ever to be held sacred and inviolable by the Convention, looked with much interest to the provisions adopted by the School Committee for executing the important and confidential trust in relation to that fund, confided to them by the last Convention; and your committee take pleasure in stating to this Convention, that they consider the security for the principal of "that fund, with semi-annual interest thereon," to be amply sufficient, and therefore recommend to the adoption of the Convention, one of the subjoined resolutions relating to the subject.

Another interesting subject which has come before the present committee, is that of the eight resolutions adopted last Summer by the School Committee after an inquiry "how far the principles adopted as fundamental to the system of the School, had been carried out in practice?" Your committee have been much pleased with the "Extract from the fundamental law," contained in the first of these resolutions. It is regarded by them as vastly important, and perfectly sound and christian in its principle; and they would call the especial attention of the Convention and of the Diocese to this extract, believing, as they confidently do, that it expresses the very spirit of christian and parental feeling, in which it was originally intended that the discipline of the School should be administered. They would therefore earnestly express their own wishes, which they have no doubt will be those of the whole Diocese, that the School Committee would, in the words of this resolution, adhere faithfully and constantly "to the original plan of Religious and Christian Discipline, as set forth in this extract from their fundamental law," and that this extract, or the principle contained in it, may be presented in a prominent manner to the attention of the new Rector. In the opinion of your committee, a steady adherence to the spirit of this extract will be the most effectual way to prevent the occurrence of such difficulties as those which appear to have led the School Committee to "their investigations," and will render perhaps unnecessary a resort to the principle of the 7th resolution. With regard to the abstract principle asserted in that resolution, there probably is hardly any difference of opinion; but your committee are aware that there is a very great difference between the admission of an abstract truth and the propriety of enforcing such truth under particular circumstances. In the present case, as in most others in this life, your committee believe that the course of duty will be very much influenced by the existing circumstances, and that the opinion respecting the operation of this principle will be generally formed from the manner and circumstances in which it may be enforced. As therefore so much, if not all, depends upon the manner of its use, your committee are happy in this view of the subject to turn their attention to the character and qualifications of the new Rector, which is the next subject in the Annual Report calling for special notice. The Rev. Dr. Empie was an early friend of this Diocese, and laboured most zealously and efficiently, (as the past Journals of this Convention abundantly testify,) with that little band of faithful soldiers of the Cross, who so harmoniously worked together in resuscitating the Church in this State and in organizing this Convention. Your committee are certain

that the friends of the Church throughout the State will, with great unanimity, respond to the proposed resolution, expressing the satisfaction of the Convention at the appointment of President Empie to the Rectorship of the Episcopal School, and welcoming his return to the Diocese.

In relation to the finances of the School, your committee would remark, that they take for granted that the *General Statement* of the Treasurer's account, submitted by the School Committee to the Convention, is correct. But as the financial concerns of the Institution were originally wisely entrusted by the Convention to the vigilance and prudence of the School Committee, your present committee are careful not to interfere with that only safe course, by expressing on the subject any opinion of their own. An account of upwards of \$31,000 of receipts, and more than \$30,000 of expenditures, and embracing items from the postage of a letter to thousands of dollars, cannot be safely handled by a popular assembly such as our Convention, nor can it be safely audited by a committee of the Convention, in the few and hurried moments which they could devote to the subject. It appears from the Annual Report, that \$5,605 of subscriptions to the School are now due and uncollected. As the Convention, in the case of subscriptions to the Episcopate, have had experience of the bitter fruits of allowing such subscriptions to remain uncollected when due, your committee propose to the Convention, the adoption of the annexed resolution, recommending to the School Committee the appointment of a Collecting Agent.

The present committee unite with the School Committee in recommending to the Convention the acceptance of the School Charter granted by an act passed at the late session of the General Assembly, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Episcopal School of North Carolina." All the action of the Convention believed to be necessary in the premises, will be accomplished by the adoption of the subjoined resolution. The acceptance of this Charter will render the election of any Managers of the School at this Convention unnecessary, and will hereafter change the name of the Board of Managers, from that of "the School Committee," to that of "the Trustees of the Episcopal School."

In examining the portions of the Episcopal Address referred to them, your Committee find the establishment of a Theological Professorship in connection with the Episcopal School, earnestly recommended by the Bishop to the attention of the Convention. Your committee entirely concur with the Bishop in the importance of this measure, and would remark, that the great facilities for acquiring Theological Learning at the Episcopal School—arising from the vicinity of the Diocesan Library, the Library of the Right Rev. Bishop Ives, the Library of the Rector of the School and of the Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh, together with the immediate residence of these three Clergymen—do present to the Diocese a strong union of favorable circumstances for attempting the establishment of such a Professorship. Your committee therefore sincerely hope, that the Bishop will keep his attention directed to this truly important subject until propitious circumstances enable him to bring it to a happy completion.

In concluding their long Report, your committee are happy to report to the Convention, in the words of the Episcopal Address referred to them, that "the Episcopal School is at this time in a sound and advancing state; that the apprehensions entertained of its decline after the departure, from

ill health, of its late and efficient Rector, have proved to be groundless; and that the School, under the energetic and diligent supervision of Mr. Hooper, is now progressing, after some struggle, with unusual quietness and success." It is but right to add, that your Committee, from information which has reached them through other channels, have no doubt of the correctness of their statements, and that Dr. Empie will, upon his arrival, find the discipline of the School well established.

The following Resolutions embrace, it is believed, all the matters referred to your Committee, which require any specific action of the Convention, and they are now respectfully offered for adoption.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of this Convention are eminently due, and are hereby presented to the Members of the School Committee, for the persevering devotion of their valuable time and labour to the interests of the Episcopal School.

2. *Resolved*, That the provision made by the School Committee for securing the principal of that portion of the Episcopal Fund loaned to them with semi-annual interest thereon, is satisfactory to this Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That this Convention entertain, and hereby express a sincere satisfaction at the appointment to the Rectorship of the Episcopal School, of the Rev. President Empie, and do welcome his return to the Diocese, and to this Convention, of which he was so long a zealous and efficient member.

4. *Resolved*, That this Convention do hereby accept the charter granted by "an Act to incorporate the Episcopal School of North Carolina," passed at the late session of the General Assembly of this State; and that each and all of the gentlemen named as Trustees in the aforesaid Act, are hereby requested to accept and execute the trusts therein conferred.

5. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Trustees of the Episcopal School, to appoint a Special Agent to collect such subscriptions to the Episcopal School as are now due, and to prevail with the subscribers generally to anticipate the payment of their remaining instalments; and to take such other steps for increasing the funds of the School as the Committee may deem expedient.

6. *Resolved*, That the Annual Report of the School Committee, made to this Convention; the General Statement of the Treasurer's Account, and the Act to incorporate the Episcopal School, be printed in the Journal of the Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Buxton,

Resolved, That the next Convention be held in the Town of Fayetteville, on the 4th Thursday in May, 1837.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wiley,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese forward to the Secretary of the General Convention, the sum required by the 54th Canon of the Church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Buxton,

Resolved, That the Rev. W. D. Cairns be nominated as a Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, in the place of the Rev. Dr. Avery.

Leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Messrs. Saunders and Freeman.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at half past 6 o'clock on Monday morning.

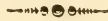
At Night, Service was read by the Rev. Mr. MacRae, and a Missionary Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a collection made, amounting to \$74 41.

On Sunday morning, Service was read by the Rev. Dr. Mason, of Newark College, and a Charge delivered by the Bishop, to the Clergy of the Diocese.

The Rev. Messrs. Cameron F. MacRae, Edw'd M. Forbes, and Harvey Stanly, were admitted to the Order of Priests; and the Holy Communion administered to 82 recipients.

In the afternoon, Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Saunders, from Galatians, 6th chapter and 15th verse.

At night, the inclemency of the weather prevented Services in the Church.



MONDAY, MAY 9.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing year. On counting the votes, John W. Wright was unanimously elected.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Right Rev. the Bishop be requested to have published 1000 copies of the impressive Charge delivered yesterday to the Clergy of the Diocese.

Resolved, That 700 copies of the Journals of this Convention be published.

On motion, *Resolved* That the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to a provision for the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, be referred to a committee of four persons, who are requested to report to the next Convention.

And the following were appointed the said committee, viz: Messrs. John H. Bryan, Thomas H. Wright, A. J. DeRossett, and E. L. Winslow.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the citizens of Newbern, for their hospitality to the members of the Convention.

Thanks were voted to the Treasurer and Secretary, for the faithful discharge of their duties.

There being no further business, the members united in singing four verses of the 122d Psalm, and in prayers by the President of the Convention.

After which the Convention adjourned.

E. L. WINSLOW, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

RATES OF ASSESSMENTS,

On the several Congregations, for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, for the year 1836.

St. James's Ch., Wilmington, \$175	St. Mary's, Kinston, 20
St. John's, Fayetteville, 175	Calvary, Wadesborough, 30
Christ's Church, Newbern, 175	St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro', 30
St. Paul's, Edenton, 100	St. Stephen's, Oxford, 30
St. Matthew's and St. Mary's Orange county, 50	St. John's, Durham's Creek, 10
Christ's Church, Raleigh, 125	Zion Chapel, Beaufort, 10
St. Peter's, Washington, 50	Calvary, Tarborough, 20
Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, 35	Missionary Station, Windsor, 10
St. Luke's, Salisbury, 30	Missionary Station, Louisburg, 10
Christ's Church, Rowan, 40	Hertford, Perquimons, 15
Immanuel Church, Warrenton, 30	St. Paul's Swift Creek, 15
St. John's Williamsborough, 30	Missionary Station, Windsor, 10
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort, 20	St. Andrew's, Burke, 15
St. Thomas's, Bath, 20	Missionary Station, Charlotte, 10
Trinity, Scotland Neck, 20	
St. Thomas's, Craven, 10	\$1320

TREASURER'S STATEMENT to Convention of 1836.

FAYETTEVILLE, April 29th, 1836.

The annexed exhibits show the receipts and disbursements of the funds of the Convention during the past year. The Vouchers for charges and the securities for money invested, accompany the exhibits.

In conformity with a resolution of the last Convention, the individual Bonds and Cash belonging to the fund for the Episcopate, amounting to \$7,400, have been passed to the Episcopal School of North Carolina, and a receipt of the Treasurer annexed to a resolution of the School, Committee authorising him to receive, taken as the evidence of debt from the School. As a security for the re-payment of the loan, the Trustees, holding the title to the lands and buildings of the School, have executed a declaration of trusts, setting forth that the property is held by them, first, as a security for the payment of \$1,619 37, the purchase money of the lands; and secondly, for the debt of \$7,400 to the Convention. The interest on the loan up to the 10th August next, has been paid and credited to the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Fund for the Episcopate of North Carolina,*

1836, April 28.	To Securities in Treasurer's hands, viz: 11 Shares of Stock of Bank of Cape Fear, bought at \$998 15 Shares do. of the State Bank of N. Carolina, 12 per cent. unpaid, 180 Receipt of the Treasurer of the Episcopal School of N. Carolina, for this sum loaned to them, 7,400	
	To Cash on hand,	\$8,578 54 70
		<hr/> \$8,632 70

Dr. *Diocese of North Carolina, in account*

1835, June 15,	To account paid J. Gales & Son for printing 600 copies of Pastoral Letter,	\$40
20,	Cash paid Dr. W. H. Hobart, in full for Bishop's salary to 1st Sept.	312 50
July 1,	Do. paid E. J. Hale, for printing 700 copies of Journals of 1835,	84 50
Sept. 2,	Do. paid Dr. W. H. Hobart, in full for Bishop's salary to 1st Dec'r.	312 50
1836, Jan. 27,	Do. paid Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, for half year's salary, viz: from 1st Dec'r 1835 to 1st June 1836,	625
	Do. paid premium on check on N. Y., remitted to Bishop Ives,	1 94
April 1,	Do. paid Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, on account of expenses,	50
	Do. paid John McRae, postage,	6 05
		<hr/> \$1432 49
29,	To New Account, for balance on hand,	64 43
		<hr/> \$1496 92

in account with the Treasurer of the Convention. CR.

1835,			
June 1.	By Cash and Securities on hand, as reported to Convention of 1835,		\$8,532 20
6.	Cash from Walker Anderson, for his subscription to this Fund and interest,		43
	Do. from Rev. W. M. Green, for subscription of Mrs. Mary Sutherland,		15
17.	Do. from M. C. Stephens, for his 3d instalment,		10
1836,			
March 2.	Do. from John Wooster, Esq., for subscription of James W. Mitchell, and interest,		32 50
			<hr/> \$8,632 70

with the Treasurer of the Convention. CR.

1835,			
June 1.	By balance at credit of Contingent Fund, per statement to Convention of 1835,		\$81 53
6.	Cash from Rev. John Singeltary, for assessment on St. Peter's Church, Washington,		50
	Do. from do. for do. Calvary Church, Tarborough,		15
	Do. Rev. Wm. Norwood for do. St. John's Ch. Williamsboro'.		20
	Do. do. for do. Immanuel Ch. Warrenton,		20
	Do. Rev. T. S. W. Mott, for do. St. Stephen's Ch. Oxford,		18
	Do. Rev. John Morgan, for do. Christ Church, Rowan,		15
	Do. Dr. A. J. DeRosset, for do. St. James's Ch. Wilmington,		125
	Do. Rev. John Avery, for do. St. Paul's Ch. Edenton, (balance)		38 63
	Do. do. do. in part of assessment for 1836,		45 77
	Do. Rev. G. W. Freeman, for assessment Christ Ch. Raleigh,		65
	Do. Rev. J. B. Buxton, for do. St. John's Church, Fayetteville,		125
	Do. Rev. P. B. Wiley, for do. St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,		20
	Do. W. E. Anderson, for do. St. Matthew's and St. Mary's, Orange,		40
	Do. Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, for do. Calvary Ch. Wadesboro'.		15
	Do. Thomas B. Hill, for do. Trinity Church, Scotland Neck,		15
	Do. Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, for do. Christ Ch. Elizabeth City,		35
	Do. James S. Green, for interest on his bond \$130, 12 months,		7 80
July 20,	Do. Rev. John H. Norment, for do. \$250, do.		15
	Do. James S. Green, for do. do.		1
Aug. 7,	Do. Rebecca Moore, for do. do.		33 75
	Do. Vestry of St. John's Church, do.		10 70
Oct. 4,	Do. I. Wetmore, for assessment on Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,		15
	Do. Bank of Cape Fear, for dividend of 1 per ct. on 11 shares,		11
1836,			
Jan. 4,	Do. do. do. 3½ per ct.		38 50
26,	Do. Treas'r Episcopal School, for int'st on bonds transferred,		176 24
	Do. do. for interest on \$7,400, for 12 months, to 10th August, 1836,		444
			<hr/> \$1496 92
April 29,	By balance on hand,		<hr/> \$64 43

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treas'r.*

ABSTRACT of the Proceedings of the Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract, and Missionary Society of North Carolina, at the Annual Meeting, held in Newbern, on the 6th of May, 1836—directed to be published.

The Right Rev'd Bishop in the Chair. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Society were read: whereupon, on motion, the Board of Managers presented the following Report:

REPORT of the Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers of the Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society of North Carolina, in surrendering the important trust which was committed to its care, would gratefully acknowledge the merciful Providence which has attended abroad our Chief Pastor and President *ex officio* of this Society, protected him in dangers, restored him to health, and returned him to the active engagements of his high and responsible station in the Church. On this point, and in comparative view with the painful circumstances under which the Society last assembled, the *present* are deemed by the Board, circumstances cheering to the hearts and strengthening to the hands of all who pray and labor for the edification and extension of the Church.

As soon after the organization of the present Board as its members could be convened, its attention was directed, 1st, to the financial department of the Society; 2d, to the adoption and execution of measures deemed most likely to secure the objects of the Institution. Under the first head the Board reports,—that the funds which have been at the disposal of the Board of Managers during the year, and up to the date of this report, amount to \$2676; of which the Board has appropriated to the payment of salaries due the Missionaries at the last Convention, \$1025: For services rendered by the Missionaries during the present year, \$800: For Books and Tracts, \$50. Leaving under the control of the Board a sufficient sum to meet the engagements of the Society and payable at this Convention.

For information as to the sources from which funds have been derived, and for the particular disbursements, the Board beg leave to refer to the Report of the Treasurer. On this point, however, the Board cannot withhold an expression of grateful acknowledgments to the congregations of the Diocese for the aid so seasonably and so liberally rendered to the cause of our common Redeemer. It feels bound also to commend the zeal and fidelity with which the appeal to the congregations was conducted by the General Missionary. This has resulted in the following contributions, as reported:

Raleigh,	\$198 20	Warrenton,	60 87
Fayetteville,	172	Tarborough,	46
Chapel Hill,	53	Scotland Neck,	50
Wadesborough,	50	Washington,	115 25
Salisbury,	75	Elizabeth City,	109
Christ's Ch., Rowan,	25	Edenton,	179
Pittsborough,	60	Newbern,	80
Hillsborough,	81 50	Wilmington,	508 50
Oxford,	51 75		
Williamsborough,	15 75	Total,	\$1930 82

The Board has made an effort to close the long standing account with the Episcopal Press, for the publication of Bishop Ravenscroft's Works, but this is delayed at present for the want of fuller statements from the Press.

It is proper, moreover to add, that probably from settlements too long delayed, difficulties are likely to occur in arranging a final settlement. A number of copies has been distributed by the Press, in return for which, payments have not yet been made, and in some instances, it is understood, are not likely to be made;—and the Board has yet to learn, whether in this event, the responsibility will rest with the publishers or with the representative Committee who negotiated with them, the publication. In addition to this hindrance to a final settlement, many copper plate impressions of the Bishop, with the costly plate itself, remain to be accounted for by the Press, and finally, the rate per cent. of commission on sales of the work charged by the Press, varies essentially from that reported by the Committee of Publication. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the points at issue, the Board respectfully suggests the reappointment of the original Committee of Publication, to arrange with the Press an equitable adjustment and final close of the transaction. Under the second head, the Board reports, that the Rev. Harvey Stanly has been transferred from his original post at Flat Rock, Buncombe County, to the vacant Parishes of St. Thomas's, Craven County, Trinity Chapel, and St. Thomas's, Bath. The station in Tyrrell County, associated with the earliest recollections of the Church in our Diocese, has been also happily supplied during the latter part of the year, with the services of the Rev. Mr. Forbes. The station at Hertford, Perquimons County, has received attentions from the Rev. Mr. MacRae, and more recently from the Rev. Mr. Cairns. In addition to these Stations, the following Congregations have been aided in the support of their Pastors: Calvary Church, Wadesborough; St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough; St. Stephen's, Oxford; the Church at Tarborough and parts adjacent; and the Church in Mecklenburg County.—The Missionaries, as far as heard from, report an aggregate of fifty Baptisms, and an addition to the Communion of eight persons.

The distribution of Bibles, Common Prayer Books, Tracts, and other publications of approved character, have not been neglected, and there now remain in the Depository 50 Bibles, 217 Common Prayer Books, 87 copies of Bishop Ravenscroft's Works, and Tracts and other Publications to the amount in cost of fifty dollars. As the existence of the Society in its present form will probably close with the present Meeting, the Board forbear to offer any suggestions on the subject of future operations. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Secretary and Agent.*

Fayetteville, May 6th, 1836.

On motion, the Report of the Committee to whom, at the last meeting was referred the present organization of the Society, with directions to report to the present meeting, whether any change in said organization be expedient, was called for: whereupon, the following Report was presented by the Chairman of said Committee:

REPORT of Committee on change in Organization.

The Committee to whom, at the last Annual meeting of the Society in Hillsborough, was "referred the present organization of the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society of the Diocese, with directions to report to the present meeting whether any change be expedient," respectfully Report:

That ever since the original formation of the Society, it has continued zealously to fulfil the ends for which it was instituted; and has been the means, under God, of establishing and building up several congregations now in prosperous circumstances. The "Board of Managers" who, from time to time, have been entrusted with its control, have faithfully discharged the duties required of them. But notwithstanding this free acknowledgment of the fidelity and efficiency with which the operations of the Society have been conducted, it is the opinion of your Committee, that sound Church principles, as well as the best interests of the Diocese, require a change in the mode of effecting the contemplated objects of this Society.

The views of the Committee on this subject, are embodied in the following resolutions, which are hereby recommended to the adoption of the Society.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. *Resolved*, As the sense of this Meeting, that the Church of Christ is the only proper Missionary Society, being divinely instituted, and wisely adapted, for the conducting of all operations for the spread of the Gospel.

2d. *Resolved*, That, in accordance with the foregoing principle, the Convention of the Church, in this Diocese, be respectfully requested to take under its own immediate control, all the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary operations of the Diocese.

3d. *Resolved*, That should the Convention accede to the foregoing request, and assume the existing responsibilities of this Society to the Missionaries and others, all the records and the property of every description belonging to the Society, be delivered to such persons as the Convention may appoint to receive them,—and this Society be then dissolved.

4th. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by this Society, to communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Convention, and respectfully to request their adoption of the plan proposed therein.

5th. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and to make out a list of all the property and of all the existing liabilities of the Society, and that the Committee report to this Society at its next meeting.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee, made by the Rev'd Mr. Green, be adopted,—that it be entered on the Minutes, and that the Secretary of the Society be directed to proceed in the premises according to the plan proposed, and close the affairs of the Society.

On motion, the Society adjourned *sine die*.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Secretary and Agent.*

AN ACT to incorporate the Episcopal School of North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Levi Silliman Ives, George W. Freeman, William M. Green, John Singeltary, William Norwood, Jr., Duncan Cameron, Frederick J. Hill, Simmons J. Baker, Thomas P. Devereux, George E. Spruill, Edward L. Winslow, William H. Haywood, Jr. and Charles Manly, and their successors, be, and they are hereby created, a Corporation and body politic, by the name and style of "the Trustees of the Episcopal School of North Carolina," and by that name shall be capable of taking by purchase, devise or donation, real and personal Estate, and of holding and conveying the same; and have such other powers, and enjoy such other rights, as are usually incident to Corporate bodies, and are not inconsistent with the laws and Constitution of the State.

Be it further enacted, That the Trustees above named, except the first, shall allot themselves as equally as may be into three classes, the appointment of those of the first class to be vacated at the expiration of the first year; of the second class at the expiration of the second year; of the third class at the expiration of the third year, from and after the fourth day of May next, so that one-third may be chosen every year;—such choice to be made by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State: The Trustees to hold their places for three years, and until successors shall be chosen: to be capable of re-election: And the Trustees shall have power to fill vacancies in their own body whenever the same shall from any cause exist, by making temporary appointments, to expire when the Convention shall make an appointment for the regular term, and not before. And should it so happen that, by reason of the discontinuance of the sittings of the Convention or any other cause, the appointing power, hereby vested in the Convention, shall cease to be exercised, the Trustees shall then have power to provide for filling vacancies in their own body in such manner as they may prescribe, until the Convention shall regularly resume its functions in the premises.

Be it further enacted, That the Bishop of said Church in this State, for the time being, shall be *ex officio* a Trustee and a presiding Officer of the Board, and head of the Corporation; but when there shall be no Bishop, the Trustees may appoint one of their own body to preside therein.

Be it further enacted, That the General Assembly may, at any time, repeal this Act without any proceedings by information or otherwise, provided that such repealing act shall not work a forfeiture of the property belonging to the Corporation, and shall not go into operation until one year after its passage.

And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be in force from and after the ratification thereof.

WILL. H. HAYWOOD, Jr., *S. H. C.*
W. D. MOSELY, *S. S.*

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, Dec. 19, 1835.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
Secretary of State's Office. }

I, WILLIAM HILL, Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Act of the General Assembly of this State, taken from the Original on file in this Office.

Given under my hand, this 27th day of April, 1836.

W. HILL,

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, on the fourth Thursday in May, 1837.
